

**Muskegon Charter Township (MCT)
Board Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2026**

A. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Hodges called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Trustee Grabinski

Present: Bowen, Westbrook, Theile, Grabinski, Hodges

Excused Absent: None

Also Present: Police Chief VanDommelen, Fire Chief Attig, Deputy Fire Chief Grabinski, Deputy Supervisor/Director of Code Compliance Fredericksen, DPW Director in Training Parker, Fire Inspector Wydeck, Building Official Kempf and 20 guests. Meeting was recorded and labeled the April 6, 2026 regular Board meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: April 6, 2026

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Treasurer Theile to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Carried

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Fire Chief Attig stated that he supports the Police Department recruiting referral bonus program and questioned if the bonus was for officers or for all Township employees. Chris Kaijala asked what the cost was to train employees for digitizing Township records and if we will need more computer storage.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2026

2. Special Board Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2026

It was moved by Treasurer Theile and second by Trustee Grabinski to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Carried

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Weekly Check Runs and Total of all Checks \$411,474.25

It was moved by Trustee Bowen and second by Clerk Westbrook to approve payment of weekly and bi-weekly bills of \$411,474.25 from the appropriate accounts.

5 – Yeas: Bowen, Westbrook, Theile, Grabinski, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS: *continued*

2. Consideration to Establish Recruiting Referral Bonus Program

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Treasurer Theile to approve the bonus program with changing the first payment date to 90 days.

5 – Yeas: Westbrook, Theile, Grabinski, Bowen, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None

Motion Carried

3. Approval to have Town Hall Records Digitized

It was moved by Clerk Westbrook and second by Treasurer Theile to approve having Alcogare LLC digitize our records with an estimated cost of \$60,860.

5 – Yeas: Theile, Grabinski, Bowen, Westbrook, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None

Motion Carried

4. Consideration to Create and Hire HR/Accounting Coordinator Position

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Bowen to approve creating the nonunion HR/Accounting Coordinator and to hire Amanda Johnson with a starting salary of \$52,000 per year and a start date within the next two weeks.

5 – Yeas: Grabinski, Bowen, Westbrook, Theile, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None

Motion Carried

5. Approval for Local Road Project Contract, MCRC

It was moved by Treasurer Theile and second by Trustee Bowen to approve the local road project contract with the Muskegon County Road Commission.

5 – Yeas: Bowen, Westbrook, Theile, Grabinski, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None

Motion Carried

6. Appointment of Vacant Trustee Seat

It was moved by Clerk Westbrook and second by Treasurer Theile to approve appointing Greg Bouwman to the vacant Trustee seat.

5 – Yeas: Westbrook, Theile, Grabinski, Bowen, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None

Motion Carried

7. Appointment of Vacant Trustee Seat

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Treasurer Theile to approve appointing Dave Kieft to the vacant Trustee seat.

3 – Yeas: Theile, Grabinski, Bowen

2 – Nays: Westbrook, Hodges Absent: None

Motion Carried

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

Denise Serena spoke about burning wet wood by her residence.

Mike Peklar spoke about AUD's and mother-law-suites. He stated that Brian Werschem has been very difficult working with.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT: *continued*

Thomas Serio stated that he is the owner and builder for BuildWest Custom Homes. He said that Brian Werschem is very unfriendly, rude and very difficult to work with. He stated that Brian told one of his builders that if he wants to appeal the zoning decisions, they will have to take him to court.

Chris Kaijala stated that he did a split with his property and that the paperwork is crazy and it was a difficult and expensive process.

Mark Wood stated that he is a realtor and there is a major housing crisis in the Township and we should look at changing some of our zoning regulations.

Carolyn Jurecki stated that she appreciated working with the board members, fire department and police department. She also stated that we should speak with legal counsel about Brian Werschem. He was very rude, rough and inconsiderate.

Bob Skeels spoke about the dump pass and how it is unfair for renters.

Kineta Fowle stated that Brian Werschem is very difficult to work with and the Westshore Engineering said it depends on Brian's mood if he approves zoning questions.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Hodges thanked Carolyn Jurecki and Steven Browsers for serving on the Board.

Trustee Bowen thanked all residents in attendance that were interested in the vacant Trustee seats.

Trustee Grabinski welcomed all of the public input during the meeting.

J. CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) Enter into Closed Session for the Purpose of Reviewing a Written Legal Opinion from Legal Counsel

It was moved by Clerk Westbrook and second by Trustee Grabinski to approve entering into closed session at 6:32 P.M.

5 – Yeas: Grabinski, Bowen, Westbrook, Theile, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Treasurer Theile and second by Trustee Grabinski to exit from closed session at 7:16 P.M.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Treasurer Theile to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Reviewed by: _____
Jennifer Hodges, Supervisor

Recorded by _____
Carrie Westbrook, Clerk