

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2026**

The Charter Township of Brownstown regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Berecz at 6:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL BY CLERK BRINKER:

PRESENT: Supervisor Berecz, Clerk Brinker, and Trustees: Chapman, Allen, Killian, and Jones. Also in attendance were Township Manager Peters; Fire Chief Raumen; Police Chief Watson; Deputy Police Chief Starzec; Deputy Fire Chief Zurawski; IT Director Martin; Parks and Recreation Director Graves; Director of Economic and Community Services Kibby; Building Official Brandau; DDA Director Trussell; Township Attorney Foley; and DPW Director Danosky (at 6:05 p.m.).

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Treasurer Eberth

MINUTE ACCEPTANCE:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Killian, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 5, 2026, as presented. All present voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Killian, to approve the agenda of January 20, 2026, as submitted. All present voting aye.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Public Forum was held at 6:02 p.m. There was no public comment.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 141-81 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 141-45 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, CONSIDERATION, APPROVAL, PERMITTING, LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND/OR INSTALLATION OF DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Killian, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 141-81, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 141-45 of the Township of Brownstown to impose a temporary moratorium on the establishment, consideration, approval, permitting, location, construction, and/or installation of data centers within the Township. This will be to consider and assess amendments to the current Zoning Ordinance and the regulations therein regarding the use of data centers within the Township. The moratorium will be in place for a period of six (6) months, unless the Township Board adopts a resolution extending or terminating the moratorium. Roll call vote: Allen, aye; Jones, aye; Killian, aye; Brinker, aye; Chapman, aye; and Berecz, aye. Absent and Excused: Eberth. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 141-82 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 141-45 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, CONSIDERATION, APPROVAL, PERMITTING, LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND/OR INSTALLATION OF AUTOMOBILE FILLING/SERVICE STATIONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS:

Motion of Allen, supported by Chapman, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 141-82, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 141-45 of the Township of Brownstown to impose a temporary moratorium on the establishment, consideration, approval, permitting, location, construction, and/or installation of automobile filling/stations within the Township. This will be to consider and assess amendments to the current Zoning Ordinance and the regulations therein regarding the use of automobile filling/service stations within the Township. The moratorium will be in place for a period of six (6) months, unless the Township Board adopts a resolution extending or terminating the moratorium. Roll call vote: Killian, aye; Brinker, aye; Allen, aye; Jones, aye; Chapman, aye; and Berecz, nay. Absent and Excused: Eberth. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR:

HUMAN RESOURCES: APPROVAL TO HIRE RAYMOND BODRIE AS FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Brinker, to approve to hire Raymond Bodrie for the position of full-time Police Officer with lateral pay at the rate of \$42.13 per hour plus benefits. This is in alignment with the current POLC Collective Bargaining Agreement, as Bodrie has seven years of experience as an officer in a different community. This position will be effective February 9, 2026, contingent upon the successful completion of all screenings and exams. This role is being backfilled from a vacancy, and funds are available in the Police Department's approved 2026 budget. All present voting aye.

HUMAN RESOURCES: APPROVAL OF SEASONAL/PART TIME/TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE WAGE SCALE FOR 2026:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Killian, to approve the seasonal/part time/temporary, new hire/rehire wage scale for 2026. The minimum wage in Michigan increased on January 1, 2026, and an annual review was done to keep all departments aligned with this standardized pay. Department heads reviewed and agreed to the increases and are prepared to accommodate the cost with their 2026 approved budget. The updated new hire/rehire wage scale is outlined in the chart below:

<u>Seasonal Employees</u>	<u>New Hire</u>	<u>Seasonal Rehire</u>
Seasonal Athletic Coordinator	\$19,797.00	
Splash Pad Attendant	\$14.50	\$.50/hr increase per rehire year up to \$16.50/hr max
Seasonal Summer Supervisor	\$20.00	\$.50/hr increase per rehire year as Supervisor thereafter up to \$22.00/hr max
Seasonal Park Maintenance	\$18.00	\$.50/hr increase annually up to \$22.00/hr max
Seasonal DPW Department	\$18.00	
<u>Temporary Employees</u>	<u>New Hire</u>	
*Temporary P/T or F/T Office Specialist	\$18.58	TPOAM Union
(*Election workers not included)		

<u>Regular Part Time Employees</u>	<u>New Hire</u>	<u>Seasonal Rehire</u>
P/T Community Center Attendant	\$16.00	\$.50/hr increase on anniversary date of hire up to \$18.00/hr max
P/T Grounds & Maintenance	\$18.00	
Bus Driver	\$18.00	\$.50/hr increase per rehire year up to \$20.00/hr max
P/T Animal Shelter Attendant	\$18.00	
**P/T Office Specialist	\$18.58	TPOAM Union
**P/T Community Center Laborer	\$22.08	TPOAM Union
**P/T Dispatch	\$19.92	POLC Union
Cross Connection Control Inspector	\$24.89	TPOAM Union
(**As per Union pay scale)		

All present voting aye.

FIRE: REQUEST TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND APPROVE HIRING ACTRON INTEGRATED SECURITY SYSTEMS INC. – FIRE STATION NO. 3 - \$19,803.24:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Brinker, to approve the request to waive the formal bidding process, and approve to hire Actron Integrated Security Systems Inc. to install electronic security upgrades at Fire Station No. 3. The proposed work includes the installation of the electronic security doors for a total cost of \$19,803.24. Funds for this project are available in the Fire – Building/Grounds Improvement Capital Account number 252.336.975.100. All present voting aye.

FIRE: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SEND A 2003 PIERCE LANCE PUMPER (VIN: 4P1CT02S33A003595) TO AUCTION:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Allen, to approve the request to send a 2003 Pierce Lance Pumper (VIN: 4P1CT02S33A003595), to auction due to its mechanical condition, and safety concerns. The fire engine recently failed its Department of Transportation inspection, rendering it non-compliant for emergency response operations. Removing this engine from service and sending it to auction would eliminate continued maintenance and liability costs. Funds received from the auction will go into the Fire Improvement – Gain/Loss on Sale of Asset account number 252.000.693.000. All present voting aye.

FIRE: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SELL 2000 PIERCE LANCE LADDER TRUCK (VIN: 4P1CT02S1YA000721) TO MAPLE GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN WISCONSIN:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Allen, to approve the request to proceed with the sale of a 2000 Pierce Lance Aerial Truck (VIN: 4P1CT02S1YA000721); due to its age, condition, and limited operational value. The Township's Fire Department is currently reviewing final options for the purchase of a smaller, more versatile ladder truck. Additionally, the Fire Department received an offer, through ShopGarage.com, of \$106,000.00 from the Maple Grove Fire Department in Wisconsin. Once finalized, Brownstown Township's Fire Department will receive \$99,640.00 that will go in the Fire Improvement – Gain/Loss on Sale of Asset account number 252.000.693.000. All present voting aye.

CLERK:

BOARD INFORMATION:

Motion of Killian, supported by Allen, to accept the Clerk's report which consists of three sets of disbursements: one set from January 8, 2026 for the payment of utilities due prior to the Board Meeting of January 20, 2026; a second set from January 13, 2026, for Treasurer's cash shortage; and a third set for the meeting of January 20, 2026. All present voting aye.

TREASURER:

DISBURSEMENTS FROM JANUARY 8, 2026: A) PAYMENT OF UTILITIES DUE PRIOR TO THE JANUARY 20, 2026 BOARD MEETING - \$212,354.55 B) REGULAR PAYROLL TRANSFER FROM JANUARY 2, 2026 - \$872,828.62:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Allen, to approve disbursements as follows: General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$7,762.21; Fire Protection in the amount of \$5,659.28; Police Fund in the amount of \$7,481.23; Greenbelt in the amount of \$28.03; Garbage and Rubbish in the amount of \$183,620.19; Downtown Development in the amount of \$250.34; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$4,276.77; and Water Fund in the amount of \$3,276.50; bringing the subtotal of disbursements to \$212,354.55. There was also one additional transfer listed on the report dated January 2, 2026 in the amount of \$872,828.62 for Regular Payroll, bringing the total of disbursements to \$1,085,183.17. Roll call vote: Brinker, aye; Killian, aye; Jones, aye; Allen, aye; Chapman, aye; and Berecz, aye. Absent and Excused: Eberth. Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS FROM JANUARY 13, 2026 FOR TREASURER'S CASH SHORTAGE FROM DEPOSIT WORK OF JANUARY 8-11, 2026 - \$21.00:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Killian, to approve disbursements as follows: Treasury Shortage – Deposit Work of January 8-11, 2026, in the amount of \$21.00 ~~to come from Eberth's paycheck~~ **to come from the overage/shortage account**. Roll call vote: Jones, aye; Chapman, aye; Brinker, aye; Killian, aye; Allen, aye; and Berecz, aye. Absent and Excused: Eberth. Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2026: \$1,037,951.53:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Brinker, to approve disbursements as follows: General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$122,602.50; Fire Protection in the amount of \$29,919.42; Police Fund in the amount of \$50,985.83; Street Lighting in the amount of \$7,551.79; Greenbelt in the amount of \$1,350.00; Capital Projects in the amount of \$151,412.46; Downtown Development in the amount of \$30,315.48; Police Improvement in the amount of \$9,752.12; Fire Improvement in the amount of \$2,297.52; Road Improvement in the amount of \$310.00; Federal Forfeiture in the amount of \$1,233.23; State Forfeiture in the amount of \$1,751.37; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$212,398.15; Water Fund in the amount of \$395,204.50; Tax Collection in the amount of \$18,647.16; and Retiree Insurance in the amount of \$2,220.00; bringing the total of disbursements to \$1,037,951.53. Roll call vote: Chapman, aye; Allen, aye; Killian, aye; Brinker, aye; Jones, aye; and Berecz, aye. Absent and Excused: Eberth. Motion carried.

BOARD INFORMATION:

Motion of Killian, supported by Allen, to accept the Treasurer's report which consists of the Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report for December 2025. All present voting aye.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

BOARD INFORMATION:

Motion of Killian, supported by Jones, to accept the Community Services report, which consists of Planning Commission meeting minutes from November 24, 2025; Planning Project Statuses; Building Department Monthly Totals report for December 2025; Building Department Year End Totals report for 2025; and Enforcement Log for December 2025. All present voting aye.

RECREATION:

ACCEPT PROPOSAL AND CONTINUATION OF SERVICES FROM MCKENNA FOR UPDATING PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN FOR 2027-2031 - \$17,750.00:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Jones, to accept the proposal of services from McKenna to continue updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2027-2031. McKenna is currently working on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) plan with the Township. This updated

proposal would allow the Township to maintain continuity and alignment between DDA Plan work and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The total cost of \$17,750.00 was approved in the 2026 budget and will come from Recreation Department Consulting Fees account number 101.750.816.000. All present voting aye.

ACCEPT PROPOSAL AND APPROVE PURCHASE OF FIRE/SECURITY SERVICES FROM WYANDOTTE ALARM COMPANY FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER: A) PURCHASING AND INSTALLING NEW SYSTEM - \$32, 650.00 B) MONTHLY MONITORING FEE - \$147.00:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Jones, to approve the purchase of fire/security services with Wyandotte Alarm Company for the Community Center. The total upfront cost is \$32,650.00, which includes the purchase of equipment and installation of the new system. Additionally, there will be a monthly monitoring fee of \$147.00. Funds for this purchase were approved in the 2026 budget and will come from the Building Improvements-Community Center account number 235.901.975.805 Project #24361. All present voting aye.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE ONE F-150 FROM LUNGHAMER FORD OF OWOSSO THROUGH MIDEAL - \$49,689.00:

Motion of Allen, supported by Killian, to approve a request to purchase one Ford F-150 4wd from Lunghamer Ford of Owosso utilizing MiDEAL for the purchase. This truck is a direct replacement for an older model in the recreation fleet. The cost of the vehicle is \$49,689.00 with the approved and budgeted funds coming from Vehicles- Parks and Grounds account number 235.901.981.750. All present voting aye.

BOARD INFORMATION:

Motion of Allen, supported by Chapman, to accept the Recreation report, which consists of updates about upcoming and ongoing recreation and senior programs. Additionally, the report included information about ongoing capital improvements and park updates as outlined:

- Community Center Renovations are still underway, and the new scheduled completion date is May 11, 2026.
- Conversations will resume later this month with Crandell regarding the land conversion project for the DNR.
- Progress is being made on the installation of the Pickleball Courts including the completion of the parking lot and installation of the light posts. The timeline for completion of the project has been revised to May of 2026, and updates will continue to be provided as they become available.
- Plans were submitted to Wayne County for the updated Community Center parking lot. Once approval and permits are obtained, the project will be sent out for bid and is anticipated to take two months to be completed.

All present voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS:

APPROVE A FIVE-YEAR SOFTWARE AGREEMENT FOR HYDROCOP CROSS CONNECTION PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$129,600.00:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Killian, to approve a software agreement for Hydrocorp Cross Connection Program. This software program will allow the Township to keep the cross-connection duties in-house and not contracted out. The agreement is a five-year deal for a total cost of \$129,600.00 over the course of the contract. This software agreement program has been included in the 2026 budget, and the funds will come from Water Subscriptions/Licensing Fees account number 591.537.814.100. All present voting aye.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER UPDATE:

Township Manager Peters provided a brief update on several ongoing projects that may be of interest to Brownstown residents:

- The Brownstown Police Department's drone project is officially "off the ground". We have two drones and two police vehicles that are equipped and in service. Township Manager Peters appreciates everyone who was involved in getting this program running and thanked the officers who are now trained as drone pilots.
- Township Manager Peters and Mike Sollars of the Brownstown Historical Society have been discussing the bicentennial of Brownstown Township, which will be in 2027. Mike Sollars has also been exchanging ideas with Sue Trussell to produce framework for future celebratory events in Brownstown. Additionally, Township Manager Peters discussed creating a logo contest for the bicentennial celebration of Brownstown Township. Updates will be provided as they become available.
- Brownstown Township partnered with the Detroit Historical Society, who has a partnership with Wayne County, in showcasing a historical exhibit in the Guardian Building of Detroit. The exhibit is designed to rotate through different communities and ensures that every community has a platform to showcase its history. Brownstown is currently on display and will be there until February 28, 2026.
- Township Manager Peters gave a brief description of the moratoriums that were passed earlier in this meeting. The moratoriums would allow the Township time to work with planners, the planning commission, counsel, and the Board to agree on what they want for the future of Brownstown. Additionally, this would be the time to address any concerns within the ordinance and make changes if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Jones, to adjourn the regular Township board meeting at 6:27 p.m. All present voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen Brinker, Clerk
Charter Township of Brownstown
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