

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

The Charter Township of Brownstown regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Berez at 6:02 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL BY CLERK BRINKER:

PRESENT: Supervisor Berez, Clerk Brinker, Treasurer Eberth, and Trustees: Allen, Chapman, Jones, and Killian. Also in attendance were Township Manager Peters; IT Director Martin; Police Chief Watson; Deputy Police Chief Lafayette; Fire Chief Raumen; Deputy Fire Chief Zurawski; Fire Inspector Horvath; Parks and Recreation Director Graves; Director of Economic and Community Services Kibby; Building Official Brandau; DDA Director Trussell; Department of Public Works Director Danosky; and Township Attorney Robinette.

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: None.

MINUTE ACCEPTANCE:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Jones, to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 2, 2026, as presented. All voting aye.

Motion of Chapman, supported by Jones, to approve the closed session minutes of February 2, 2026, as presented. All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Jones, to approve the agenda of February 17, 2026, as submitted. All voting aye.

PRESENTATIONS:

INTRODUCTION AND BADGE PINNING FOR NEW POLICE OFFICER RAYMOND BODRIE:

A badge pinning ceremony and presentation was given by Police Chief Watson for newly hired Police Officer Raymond Bodrie. Additionally, Clerk Brinker administered the Oath of Office to the new officer.

INTRODUCTION AND BADGE PINNING FOR NEW FIREFIGHTER/MEDICS KYLE HENSLEY AND JASON WORLEY:

A badge pinning ceremony and presentation was given by Fire Chief Raumen for newly hired Firefighter/Medics Kyle Hensley and Jason Worley. Clerk Brinker also administered the oath of office to both new officers.

STREET SIGN DEDICATION HONORING LARRY KURTSEL:

Supervisor Berez presented Larry Kurtzel with a plaque designating the street next to Fire Station one as Kurtzel Drive in recognition of over 40 years of service to the Brownstown Fire Department. Mr. Kurtzel served as one of the four Fire Captains when Brownstown created a full-time Fire Department back in 2000, and at the time it was determined that a street was to be named after each of them.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Public Forum was held at 6:22 p.m. There was no public comment.

SECOND 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 Allen, supported by Jones, to approve and adopt the second 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 six months. This moratorium will allow the Township to consider the potential impact of data centers within the Township as well as consider if the current Zoning Ordinance would need to be amended. The moratorium will expire after six (6) months, unless the Township Board adopts a resolution extending or terminating the moratorium prior to this timeframe. Roll call vote: Jones, aye; Chapman, aye; Brinker, aye; Killian, aye; Allen, aye; Eberth, aye; and Berecz, aye. Motion carried.

SECOND 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 and adopt the second 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 moratorium will allow the Township to consider the potential impact of future automobile and service stations within the Township as well as consider if the current Zoning Ordinance would need to be amended. The moratorium will expire after six (6) months, unless the Township Board adopts a resolution extending or terminating the moratorium prior to this timeframe. Roll call vote: Brinker, aye; Allen, aye; Jones, aye; Chapman, aye; Eberth, aye; Killian, aye; and Berecz, nay. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOODHAVEN KIWANIS CLUB:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Killian, to approve a proclamation recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Woodhaven Kiwanis Club. All voting aye.

SUPERVISOR:

HUMAN RESOURCES: AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE PRECIOUS MOLYNEUX, AS A FULL-TIME OFFICE SPECIALIST IN THE TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT:

Motion of Jones, supported by Allen, to approve to hire Precious Molyneux as a Full-Time Office Specialist in the Treasury Department contingent upon the passing of all pre-employment screenings. The tentative hire date will be February 23, 2026, and will have a pay rate of \$18.58 per hour plus benefits. This position is being backfilled from a vacancy, and funds are available in the Treasury Department approved 2026 budget. All voting aye.

POLICE: APPROVE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL CARD READER ACCESS POINTS FROM ACTRON SYSTEMS - \$14,938.06:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Jones to approve the purchase of four (4) additional card reader access points from Actron Systems in the amount of \$14,938.06. Actron Systems previously installed the card reader system and security cameras at the Police Department, which is why there was no bid

process for this project. These new readers will be compatible with the existing system and will be placed in locations to secure the training room and administration wing of the Police Department. The placement of the new readers will bring the department in compliance with the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Security Policy. Funds are available in approved 2026 budget and will be coming from the Building and Grounds account number 251.301.975.000. All voting aye.

POLICE: APPROVE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL TASER 10 EMD DEVICES THROUGH THE EXISTING AXON CONTRACT -\$14,644.80:

Motion of Killian, supported by Allen, to approve the purchase of five (5) additional taser 10 EMD devices in the amount of \$14,644.80, which will be added to the existing Axon Contract. These new units will be assigned to School Resource Officers (SROs) as well as allowing for additional staffing as there is no longer training available for instructors to remain certified on the older models. Funds are available in the 2026 approved budget and will be used from Capital Equipment account number 251.301.977.000. All voting aye.

POLICE: APPROVE SALE OF EIGHT (8) MOTOROLA V700 BODY WORN CAMERAS AND RELATED MOUNTING EQUIPMENT FOR \$500.00 EACH, TOTAL REVENUE \$4,000.00:

Motion of Jones, supported by Chapman, to approve the sale of eight (8) Motorola V700 body worn cameras and related mounting equipment to neighboring communities for the price of \$500.00 each. The revenue generated from the sale of this equipment will be deposited into Police Gain on Sale of Assets account number 251.000.693.000. All voting aye.

BOARD INFORMATION:

Motion of Killian, supported by Allen, to accept the Supervisor's Report which includes an update from the Fire Department regarding several key projects as outlined below.

- The Township Board recently approved to sell the ladder truck as well as the back-up engine due to increasing maintenance and repair costs associated with these vehicles. There are contingency plans in place so service will not be interrupted to residents despite being down two trucks. Additionally, a replacement ladder truck is currently out for bid.
- Several Firefighter/Medics are either in the process of obtaining or have completed additional certifications and educational degrees through various organizations and universities.
- Two members of the staff will be attending an Ice Rescue training which is being hosted by the Grosse Ile Fire Department.
- During the month of January, the department responded to 370 service calls.

CLERK:

BUDGET AMENDMENT 2026-01 TO ACCOUNT FOR THE COLLECTION OF STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE WELLINGTON ESTATES (FORMERLY CHOUDHRY MEADOWS) - \$37,334.55:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Allen, to approve Budget Amendment 2026-01 to account for the collection of street lighting assessments for the Wellington Estates (Formerly Choudry Meadows) in the amount of \$37,334.55. This budget amendment is necessary to reflect the proper funding level in the Wellington Estates Street Lighting Special Assessment District (SAD). The funds will be used to finish the installation of street lighting that was required as part of the original development agreement. Once this project is completed, residents of Wellington Estates will continue to pay for the street lighting maintenance and utility charges. The requested budget amendment is outlined in the chart on the next page:

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
General Fund:				
<u>Fund Balance:</u>				
101.000.390.000	Unassigned Fund Balance (Estimated)	9,657,747.71	37,334.55	9,620,413.16
<u>Expense:</u>				
101.448.921.000	Street Lighting	640,000.00	37,334.55	677,334.55
Street Lighting SAD Fund:				
<u>Revenues:</u>				
219.000.450.207	SAD Revenue - Returned - Wellington	-	37,334.55	37,334.55
<u>Expense:</u>				
219.448.921.207	Wellington St Lighting SAD	3,045.00	37,334.55	40,379.55

Roll call vote: Killian, aye; Eberth, aye; Chapman, aye; Brinker, aye; Allen, aye; Jones, aye; and Berecz, aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENT 2026-02 TO ACCOUNT FOR AUCTION PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF TWO OLDER BUILDING DEPARTMENT VEHICLES TO OFFSET THE PURCHASE OF THREE 2026 FORD RANGER XL SUPER CREW TRUCKS - \$13,583.00:

Motion of Jones, supported by Chapman, to approve Budget Amendment 2026-02 to account for auction proceeds that will be received from the anticipated sale of two older Building Department vehicles. These funds will be put toward the purchase of three 2026 Ford Ranger Super Crew Trucks, which was previously approved by the Township Board on January 5, 2026. Since these funds will not be available until after the new vehicles are received and the two vehicles are sent to auction, a budget amendment is being requested in the meantime to allocate the funds. This budget amendment is outlined in the chart below:

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
General Fund:				
<u>Revenues:</u>				
101.000.693.000	Gain/Loss on Sale of Assets - Govt Fund	-	13,583.00	13,583.00
<u>Expense:</u>				
101.966.995.235	Transfer Out - Capital Projects	2,583,850.00	13,583.00	2,597,433.00
Capital Projects Fund:				
<u>Revenues:</u>				
235.931.699.101	Transfer In - General Fund	2,583,850.00	13,583.00	2,597,433.00
<u>Expense:</u>				
235.901.981.371	Vehicles - Building	100,000.00	13,583.00	113,583.00
To account for the auction proceeds from the sale of two older Building Vehicles. These additional funds will be utilized to help offset the purchase of three 2026 Ford Ranger XL Super Crew previously approved by the Township Board in January. Please refer to the detailed memorandum that is attached, from the Department Director.				

Roll call vote: Allen, aye; Jones, aye; Eberth, aye; Chapman, aye; Killian, aye; Brinker, aye; and Berecz, aye. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2025 ENCUMBRANCE LISTING:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Brinker, to approve Fiscal Year 2025 encumbrances for capital expenditure purchases and Township projects that were budgeted for in 2025, but the items were either not received, or work was not performed and/or completed by December 31, 2025. These totals are outlined by fund in the chart below:

General Fund	101	\$ 15,635.40
Fire Protection	206	-
Police Operations	207	-
Capital Projects	235	\$3,143,416.70
DDA	248	\$395,508.42
Police Improvement	251	\$12,066.30
Fire Improvement	252	\$6,929.50
Road Improvement	253	-
Drug Forfeiture	262	-
State Forfeiture	266	-
Sewer Operations	590.536	\$93,028.30
Water Operations	591.537	\$377,228.24
Total By Fund:		\$ 4,043,812.86

Roll call vote: Chapman, aye; Allen, aye; Killian, aye; Eberth, aye; Brinker, aye; Jones, aye; and Berecz, aye. Motion carried.

BOARD INFORMATION:

Motion of Jones, supported by Killian, to accept the Clerk's report which consists of two sets of disbursements: one from February 3, 2026, for the payment of utilities due prior to the February 17, 2026, Board Meeting and one for the meeting of February 17, 2026. All voting aye.

TREASURER:

DISBURSEMENTS FROM FEBRUARY 3, 2026: A) PAYMENT OF UTILITIES DUE PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY 17, 2026, BOARD MEETING - \$24,172.94

Motion of Chapman, supported by Brinker, to approve disbursements as follows: General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$4,678.87; Fire Protection in the amount of \$2,525.96; Police Fund in the amount of \$7,904.05; Garbage and Rubbish in the amount of \$1,292.79; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$2,596.99; and Water Fund in the amount of \$5,174.28; bringing the total of

disbursements to \$24,172.94. as there were no additional transfers listed in the report. Roll call vote: Jones, aye; Chapman, aye; Brinker, aye; Killian, aye; Allen, aye; Eberth, aye; and Berecz, aye. Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2026: \$1,274,851.72:

Motion of Jones, supported by Chapman, to approve disbursements as follows: General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$152,152.95; Fire Protection in the amount of \$25,192.89; Police Fund in the amount of \$40,572.13; Street Lighting in the amount of \$7,311.79; Garbage and Recycling Collection Fund in the amount of \$183,491.56; Capital Projects in the amount of \$19,434.38; Downtown Development in the amount of \$135,804.20; Police Improvement in the amount of \$29,876.93; Fire Improvement in the amount of \$27,682.53; Road Improvement in the amount of \$105.95; Federal Forfeiture in the amount of \$1,233.23; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$220,112.91; Water Fund in the amount of \$382,452.43; Tax Collection in the amount of \$42,177.84; and Retiree Insurance in the amount of \$7,250.00; bringing the total of disbursements to \$1,274,851.72 as there were no additional transfers listed on the report. Roll call vote: Eberth, aye; Killian, aye; Allen, aye; Chapman, aye; Brinker, aye; Jones, aye; and Berecz, aye. Motion carried.

BOARD INFORMATION:

Motion of Killian, supported by Jones, to accept the Treasurer's report which consists of the Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report for January 2026. All voting aye.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

BOARD INFORMATION:

Motion of Jones, supported by Chapman, to accept the Community Services report, which consists of the following items:

- Building Monthly Totals Report for January 2026
- Zoning Enforcement Log for January 2026
- Planning Commission Project List

All voting aye.

RECREATION:

AWARD BID FOR FORT-GIBRALTAR PARK PARKING LOT RESURFACING TO S&J ASPHALT PAVING COMPANY - \$67,500.00:

Motion of Eberth, supported by Killian, to award the bid for the Fort-Gibraltar Park Parking Lot Resurfacing Project to S&J Asphalt Paving Company in the amount of \$67,500.00. Funds are available in the 2026 budget from Park Development account number 235.901.978.751. All voting aye.

APPROVE TO SEND TO AUCTION A 2005 CHEVY COLORADO (VIN 1GCDT196758256120):

Motion of Allen, supported by Jones, to approve to send a 2005 Chevy Colorado (VIN 1GCDT196758256120) to auction at Greater Detroit Auto. Revenue generated from the sale of this vehicle will be recorded in Sale of Fixed Assets account number 101.000.693.000. All voting aye.

BOARD INFORMATION:

Motion of Eberth, supported by Jones, 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 below:

- Community Center Renovations are still underway with the new roof and outside additions almost completed. The new scheduled overall completion date is May 11, 2026.
- The Township is working with the Michigan Land Conservatory and the Downtown

Development Authority to complete the land conversion project for the DNR.

- The timeline for completion of the Pickleball courts has been revised to May of 2026. Currently the Township is waiting on the contractor to pour the post-tension concrete when the weather permits, and updates will be provided as they become available.
- Hennessey is working with Wayne County and will submit plans for the updated Community Center parking lot. Once approval and permits are obtained, the project will be sent out to bid and is estimated to take three months to be completed.

All voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS:

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A USED C5P FORKLIFT FROM CROWN LIFT TRUCKS - \$29,559.00:

Motion of Jones, supported by Chapman, to approve the purchase of a used C5P forklift from Crown Lift Trucks for \$29,559.00. This new forklift will replace the current forklift, which is becoming very costly to repair and maintain. Funds are included in the approved 2026 budget and will be used from Machinery and Equipment account number 591.537.977.000. All voting aye.

APPROVE THE AUTHORIZE INSTALLATION AND MONITORING OF TWO ADDITIONAL SEWER METERS ON CHURCHILL AND ROCHE - \$26,030.00:

Motion of Jones, supported by Allen, to approve and authorize Wade Trim to install and monitor two additional sewer meters located in the sewers on Churchill and Roche. These additional meters will provide updated information about what repairs and/or upgrades may be necessary in this area of the Township. The meters will cost \$20,030.00 along with an additional \$6,000.00 for Wade Trim to monitor and service the units. Funds will be used from Sewer Equipment Rental account number 590.536.940.000, which were transferred into this account from another project. All voting aye.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER UPDATE:

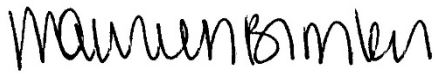
Township Manager Peters provided a brief update on several ongoing projects that may be of interest to Brownstown residents:

- Department of Public Works Director Danosky and Township Manager Peters will be meeting with the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) in April to review the Township's water usage including peak volume rates that are used to calculate the water rates.
- Township Capital Improvement Project Updates
 - Renovations at the Community Center are still moving along as the exterior of the building is starting to take shape. A visit will be scheduled for the Board to see the structural changes, and more status updates will be provided as they become available.
 - The Animal Shelter renovations are nearing completion as the building has received an overhaul to improve the overall experience for staff, volunteers, and potential adopters. A tour of the shelter will be organized soon for the Board as well to allow them to see the improvements firsthand.
 - Additionally, the Downriver Mutual Aid Consolidated Dispatch Center is nearing completion, and a time will be arranged soon for the Board to view the center.
- Wayne County is hosting an open house at the Woodhaven Community Center on March 5, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. regarding the Allen Road Grade Separation Project. Residents can also find out more information about the project by visiting the project's web site at EngageAllenRd.Com

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion of Chapman, supported by Jones, to adjourn the regular Township board meeting at 6:44 p.m.
All voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maureen Brinker". The script is cursive and fluid.

Maureen Brinker, Clerk
Charter Township of Brownstown
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