

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009  
HELD AT THE BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 8:30 a.m. McClelland, Winegar, Hamelund, O'Neil, Osburn, Smith present. Gilbert absent.

Opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of an application filed for a Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Exemption Certificate by Gerber Brother Ventures, LLC. No comments, closed the public hearing.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

Osburn asked to add the Fire Department under unfinished business. Smith asked to add the Avigation Easement and conference call with Jim White under unfinished business. Discussion regarding the Avigation Easement, consensus of the Board, no need to have conference call with Jim White at this time.

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT:** A motion to approve the September treasurer's report was made by Smith. Seconded by O'Neil. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Regina Geib reported on the Cemetery and Park which is now closed for the season.

Tom Berg reported on the Building Department.

Steve Sobers reported on the Utilities Department with Don Greiner and Carman Johnson also present.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Sewer User Charge System Status: Discussed, Tabled until November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting

Northland Drive Easement Status: Tabled until November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Budget Work Sessions: Tabled until November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A motion authorizing the supervisor to contact the attorney for guidance on fire department personnel issues was made by Smith. Seconded by Osburn. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion to approve the Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Application by Gerber Brother Ventures, LLC Resolution Number 2009-07 was made by Smith.

Seconded by O'Neil. Motion carried on roll call vote.

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2009-07  
TO APPROVE A COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE  
APPLICATION, PA 210 OF 2005, AS AMENDED**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Big Rapids Charter Township, held on October 19, 2009 at 14212 Northland Drive in The Big Rapids Charter Township Fire Hall at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: McClelland, Winegar, Hamelund, O'Neil, Osburn and Smith      ABSENT: Gilbert

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Smith, and supported by O'Neil.

**Resolution No. 2009-07 Approving Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate  
Application for Gerber Brother Ventures, LLC Located at 14330 Northland Drive,  
Big Rapids, MI 49307**

WHEREAS, the Big Rapids Charter Township legally established the Commercial Rehabilitation District of Big Rapids Charter Township on August 17, 2009, after a public hearing held on August 17, 2009; and

\*WHEREAS, the taxable value of the property proposed to be exempt plus the aggregate taxable value of property previously exempt and currently in force under Public Act 210 of 2005 or under Public Act 198 of 1974 (IFT's) (exceeds/does not exceed) 5% of the total taxable value of the Big Rapids Charter Township; and

\*\*WHEREAS, exceeding 5% will not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the Big Rapids Charter Township or of impairing the financial soundness of an affected taxing unit; and

WHEREAS, the application was approved at a public hearing as provided by section 4(2) of Public Act 210 of 2005 on October 19, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Gerber Brothers Ventures, LLC is not delinquent in any taxes related to the facility; and

\*\*\*WHEREAS, the application was approved not to exceed 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the application is for commercial property as defined in section 2(a) of Public Act 210 of 2005; and

WHEREAS, the applicant Gerber Brothers Ventures, LLC has provided answers to all required questions under the application instructions to the Big Rapids Charter Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the Big Rapids Charter Township requires that rehabilitation of the facility shall be completed by January 2010; and

WHEREAS, the commencement of the rehabilitation of the facility did not occur more than six months prior to the filing of the application for exemption; and

WHEREAS, the application relates to a rehabilitation program that when completed constitutes a qualified facility within the meaning of Public Act 210 of 2005 and that is situated within a Commercial Rehabilitation District established under Public Act 210 of 2005; and

WHEREAS, completion of the qualified facility is calculated to, and will at the time of issuance of the certificate, have the reasonable likelihood to, increase commercial activity, create employment, retain employment, prevent a loss of employment in which the facility is situated; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation includes improvements aggregating 10% or more of the true cash value of the property at commencement of the rehabilitation as provided by section 2(j) of Public Act 210 of 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Big Rapids Charter Township Board of the Big Rapids Charter Township

Be and hereby is granted a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption for the real property, excluding land, located in Commercial Rehabilitation District of Big Rapids Charter Township at 14330 Northland Drive for a period of ten years, beginning December 31, 2009, and ending December 30, 2019, pursuant to the provisions of PA 210 of 2005, as amended.

AYES: Hamelund, O'Neil, Osburn, Smith, Winegar, McClelland

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Sherri Gilbert, Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Big Rapids Charter Township Board of the Big Rapids Charter Township, County of Mecosta, Michigan at a regular meeting held on October 19, 2009.

A motion to credit College House Apartments sewer account for \$267.72 from the double billing interest was made by Smith. Seconded by O'Neil. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Discussion regarding a billing proposal for the IPP Service Charges not to include those with violations and fines. No action.

Discussion regarding snowplowing. No action

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

A motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$25,900.80 was made by O'Neil. Seconded by Winegar. Motion carried on roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment heard

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned

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Clerk

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Supervisor