



# Georgetown Charter Township

1515 Baldwin St., Jenison, MI 49428

**Utilities Committee Meeting Agenda**

**July 10, 2023, Immediately Following the Township Board Meeting**

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval Of The Agenda
4. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Previous Meeting
  - 4.I. June 12, 2023 Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Documents:

[UC230612MINUTES.PDF](#)

5. Communications, Letters And Reports
  - 5.I. Sidewalk Request - Susan Honaker

Documents:

[SUSAN HONAKER EMAIL.PDF](#)

- 5.II. Sidewalk Request- Kim Sorrelle

Documents:

[KIM SORRELLE EMAIL.PDF](#)

6. Blendon Payback Remittance Discussion
7. Public Comment
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD June 12, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 8:16, after the Township Board meeting was adjourned.

Present: Gary Veldink, Jim Wierenga- Alternate, and John Schwalm, members; Robert Blitchok, Township Superintendent, Justin Stadt, Assistant Superintendent, Joel Hanenburg, DPW Director  
Absent: Ryan Kidd

### **#230612-01 – Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the June 12, 2023 Utilities Committee meeting Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **#230612-02 – Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the minutes of the [May 8, 2023](#) meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **#230612-03 – Fire Station Drop Boxes & Cameras**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by John Schwalm, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the installation of a Ballot Drop Box and Cameras at Fire Stations #1 and #3 as required by law.

[Ballot Boxes Bid](#)  
[Ballot Drop Boxes – SOM Requirements](#)  
[GBA Bid – Fire Department Drop Box Cameras](#)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **#230612-04 – Sidewalk Waiver Request for 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. ([application](#), [staff report](#))**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by John Schwalm, to recommend a sidewalk waiver along 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **#230612-05 – Discussion of Goals**

DPW Building  
Top 10 list for sidewalk/paths and require at least one advanced to the board per year  
IT/Data Infrastructure Review

**#230612-06 – Communications, Letters and Reports**

A. [Speed reduction request](#)

Discussion took place, the committee decided not to move forward with the request.

**#230612-07 – Public Comment**

Members of the public were present; no public comments were made.

**#230612-08 – Other Business**

Discussion took place.

Gary Veldink requested the township pursue a 10' easement along Kenowa to Jackson, Jackson to 4<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> to current water infrastructure on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Gary Veldink requested two more Department of Public Works employees and vehicles for the township.

**#230612-08 – Adjournment**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by John Schwalm, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Susan Honaker



To: **Township Board Members**

Mon 6/5/2023 9:11 AM



Good Morning, can you tell me about the process for recommending consideration of a sidewalk to connect neighborhoods with schools?

I have a strong recommendation for sidewalk connecting the Bauerwood/Maplewood neighborhood to the Junior High and High School area. I'd like to recommend a sidewalk along Bauer Road, alongside the farm field.

What's the process for me to make that recommendation?

Thanks!  
Susan

**From:** Kim Sorrelle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2023 10:17:38 AM  
**To:** Amy Grasman <[agrasman@georgetown-mi.gov](mailto:agrasman@georgetown-mi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Hi Amy, I am hoping for help with a concern.

June 12, 2023

Hi Amy,

I hope you're doing fantastic! I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for your outstanding service on the township board. As a resident, I truly value the time and effort you dedicate to our wonderful community. I'm sure it can be challenging at times, but I hope it is also rewarding.

I enjoy living on the beautiful Menno Lake off Taylor Street. Taylor Street stretches for approximately 0.7 miles joining Cottonwood and 10th Avenue. Although most of the road has sidewalks, five houses along the street and a section next to the county-owned property lack sidewalks.

The speed limit on Taylor Street is 45 mph, and due to the hilly terrain, drivers can only see what lies ahead once they reach the top of the hill. Our neighborhood has a significant safety concern for kids and adults as Taylor Street is a vital route to the airport, an expanded campground, and 10th Avenue. Not to mention, cars can only access Bend county park through Taylor Street.

Given these circumstances, there's a genuine worry about the well-being of walkers and bike riders in our community without sidewalks. The combination of limited sidewalks, the higher speed limit, and the increased traffic create a situation where a tragic accident seems almost unavoidable. It's particularly concerning when considering the number of children residing in the area.

By addressing these concerns and working together, we can enhance the safety and enjoyment of our neighborhood for everyone. Your support and attention to this matter would mean a great deal to us. Thank you for your dedication to our community, and I hope we can find a positive solution to this issue.

Have a wonderful day,

Kim  
Kim Sorrelle

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