

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD OCTOBER 23, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Wierenga at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer for guidance by Gary Veldink

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

Members present: Jim Wierenga, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch, Amy Grasman

Also present: Robert Blitchok, Township Superintendent, Justin Stadt, Township Assistant Superintendent

Absent: Ryan Kidd

#231023-01 – Approval of Agenda as presented for October 23, 2023.

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#231023-02 – Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:

- a. [August 2023](#) Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Report
- b. [September 2023](#) Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Report
- c. [September 2023](#) Fire Department Monthly Report
- d. [October 9, 2023](#), Utilities Committee Minutes
- e. GTWP Investment Report for the [Third Quarter of 2023](#).
- f. JHA Newsletter for [October 2023](#)

#231023-03 – Public Comments for Items Remaining on the Agenda.

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

#231023-04 - Consent Agenda

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Amy Grasman, to grant the following.

- a. Approval of the [October 9, 2023](#), Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of the regular monthly bills for [October 23, 2023](#).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#231023-05 – Sidewalk Waiver Request for 2026 Port Sheldon (Fusion Properties)

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by John Schwalm, to deny the sidewalk waiver request and to require the property owner to install sidewalks adjacent to the paved street along Port Sheldon, as per the approved Site Plan in ST2303, as recommended by the Utilities Committee.

[Application](#)

[Staff Report Sidewalk Waiver Request 2026 Pt Sheldon Fusion](#)

Yeas: Amy Grasman, Gary Veldink, Jim Wierenga, Becky Steele, John Schwalm

Nays: Michael Bosch

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED.

#231023-06 – Sidewalk Waiver Request for 3405 Bauer Condos

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Becky Steele, to deny the sidewalk waiver request and to require the property owner to install sidewalks adjacent to all paved streets within the Development, as recommended by the Utilities Committee.

[Application and Site Plan](#)

[Staff Report Sidewalk Waiver Request 3405 Bauer Condos](#)

Yeas: John Schwalm, Becky Steele, Jim Wierenga, Gary Veldink, Amy Grasman

Nays: Michael Bosch

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED.

#231023-07 – Rate Study Recommendation

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Amy Grasman, to approve the increase of the water rates to \$3.15 per thousand gallons and the ready to serve rate raised to \$13.70, and an increase of the sewer rates to \$5.00 per thousand gallons and the ready to serve rate raised to \$13.50, all beginning on January 1, 2024.

[GT Water Sewer Rates Analysis 2023.](#)

[Water and Wastewater Rate Survey 2022 – Final Results](#)

[Typical Monthly Water Bill](#)

Yeas: Amy Grasman, Gary Veldink, Jim Wierenga, Becky Steele, John Schwalm

Nays: Michael Bosch

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED.

#231023-08 – Board Resolution

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by Gary Veldink to approve Resolution #231023-08 as written.

[Resolution #231023-08](#)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#231023-09 - Public Comment

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

#231023-10 – Discussion and General information

Discussion took place.

#231023-11 - Meeting Adjourned

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jim Wierenga, Chairperson

Ryan Kidd, Clerk