

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE **GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD** HELD FEBRUARY 27, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Wierenga at 7:02 p.m.

Prayer for guidance by Jim Wierenga

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

Members present: Jim Wierenga Ryan Kidd, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, Michael Bosch, Amy Grasman

Also present: Robert Blitchok, Township Superintendent

Absent: John Schwalm

#230227-01 - Agenda as presented for February 27, 2023.

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Becky Steele, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#230227-02 – Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:

- a. [January 2023](#) JHA Report
- b. [December 2022](#) Sheriff Report
- c. [January 2023](#) Sheriff Report
- d. [December 2022](#) Fire Department Report
- e. [January 2023](#) Fire Department Report
- f. [Fourth Quarter 2022](#) Investment Report
- g. [January 23, 2023](#) Services Committee Meeting Minutes

#230227-03 – Public Comments for items remaining on the agenda

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

#230227-04 - Consent agenda

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

- a. Approval of the [January 23, 2023 Township Board Meeting Minutes](#).
- b. Approval of the regular monthly [bills for February 13, 2023](#).
- c. Approval of the regular monthly [bills for February 27, 2023](#).
- c. Approval of the [Saturday Slip-n-Slide Agreement 2023](#), as recommended by the Services Committee.
- d. Approval of the Final Plat of Lowing Woods #13 ([application](#), [site plan](#), [Surety and LOC](#), [lot width and MBO document](#)).
- e. Approval of the Maplewood Park Farm Land Leases for 2023 ([3 acre parcel](#), [10 acre parcel](#), [14.5 acre parcel](#)).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#230227-05 – Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-01, Michigan Vehicle Code and Uniform Traffic Code

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Amy Grasman, to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-01, the Michigan Vehicle Code and Uniform Traffic Code:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01
MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE CODE AND UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE**

An ordinance to amend Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Georgetown, Michigan, to adopt the Michigan Vehicle Code and Uniform Traffic Code by reference.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GEORGETOWN ORDAINS:

1. Section 1. Amendment. That Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Georgetown, Michigan, is hereby amended to read as follows in its entirety:

ARTICLE I. TRAFFIC CODE

Sec. 54-1. Michigan Vehicle Code adopted.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Charter Township Act, 1947 PA 359; MCLA 42.23; MSA 5.26(23), the Michigan Vehicle Code, Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1949, as amended, MCL 257.1, *et seq.*, is adopted by reference, as if fully set forth herein.

2. Sec. 54-2. References in code.

References in the Michigan Vehicle Code to “local authorities” shall mean the Charter Township of Georgetown, Ottawa County, Michigan.

3. Sec. 54-3. Enforcement; sanctions.

(a) The Michigan Vehicle Code may be enforced by any police officer or other employee of the township authorized to enforce criminal ordinances or authorized to issue civil infractions.

(b) The penalties provided by the Michigan Vehicle Code are adopted by reference, provided, however, that the township may not enforce any provision of the Michigan Vehicle Code for which the maximum period of imprisonment is greater than 93 days.

(c) When any person is found guilty of a misdemeanor or responsible for a civil infraction pursuant to this section, the judge or magistrate shall summarily determine and tax the costs of the action which shall include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which the township has been put in connection with the violation or infraction up to the entry of judgment.

Sec. 54-4. Uniform Traffic Code Adopted.

The Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages as promulgated by the Director of the Michigan Department of State Police pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328 and made effective October 30, 2002 is adopted by reference, as if fully set forth herein.

4. Sec. 54-5. References in code.

References in the Uniform Traffic Code to “governmental unit” or “municipality” shall mean the Charter Township of Georgetown, Ottawa County, Michigan.

5. Sec. 54-6. Enforcement; sanctions.

(a) The Uniform Traffic Code may be enforced by any police officer or other employee of the township authorized to enforce criminal ordinances or authorized to issue civil infractions.

(b) The penalties provided by the Uniform Traffic Code are adopted by reference, provided, however, that the township may not enforce any provision of the Uniform Traffic Code for which the maximum period of imprisonment is greater than 93 days.

(c) When any person is found guilty of a misdemeanor or responsible for a civil infraction pursuant to this section, the judge or magistrate shall summarily determine and tax the costs of the action which shall include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which the township has been put in connection with the violation or infraction up to the entry of judgment.

Section 2. Pending Proceedings. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated or continued according to the law in force when they were commenced. No prosecution initiated prior to the effective date of this ordinance or initiated after the effective date of this ordinance for an offense committed prior to the effective date shall be affected by this ordinance.

Section 3. Publication. The Township Clerk shall publish a summary of this ordinance in the manner provided by law and shall at the same time publish a supplementary notice setting forth the purpose of the Michigan Vehicle Code and Uniform Traffic Code and the fact that a complete copy of the Michigan Vehicle Code and Uniform Traffic Code are available at the office of the Township Clerk for inspection by the public at all times.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective on the thirtieth day following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township. This ordinance was introduced and read for the first time on January 23 2023, published on February 7, 2023, read for the second time and adopted by the Georgetown Charter Township Board on _____, published for the second time on _____, and effective thirty days from publication__.

A summary of the Michigan Vehicle Code and Uniform Traffic Code is as follows:

The Michigan Vehicle Code is an act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways and to provide penalties and sanctions for its violation.

The Uniform Traffic Code is an administrative rule promulgated by the Michigan Department of State Police to provide local law enforcement officers with the authority to locally enforce traffic laws; to provide for local traffic administration; to provide for the rights and duties of pedestrians; to regulate the operation of motorcycles, mopeds and toy vehicles; to provide for the rights and duties of drivers and

others; to provide for the establishment and maintenance of traffic control devices; and to compel obedience to traffic regulations and provide sanctions for their violation.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Ryan Kidd, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, Michael Bosch, Amy Grasman
Nays: None
Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by Georgetown Charter Township Board at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: _____, 2023

By _____
Ryan Kidd
Georgetown Charter Township Clerk

#230227-06 – Addition of School Resource Officer (SRO)

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Amy Grasman, to approve the addition of a School Resource Officer for the Hudsonville Public Schools buildings that are located in Georgetown Township with the Township, Hudsonville Public Schools, and the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Office each paying one third of the cost, as recommended by the Services Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#230227-07 – GTFD Turnout Gear Request

Moved by Michael Bosch, seconded by Becky Steele, to approve the purchase of turnout coats and bunker pants from Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$211,000, Globe Supreme boots with Artic Sole Grip from MacQueen Emergency in the amount of \$34,876.80, and Re-Trak firefighting helmets from Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$26,240, as requested by the Georgetown Township Fire Department, as recommended by the Services Committee.

- [Turnout Coats and Bunker Pants](#)
- [Firefighting Boots](#)
- [Firefighting Helmets](#)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#230227-08 – Public Comment

There were public comments made.

#230227-09 – Discussion and General information

Discussion took place.

#230227-10 - Meeting Adjourned

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Becky Steele, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jim Wierenga, Chairperson

Ryan Kidd, Clerk