

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE **GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD** HELD MARCH 13, 2023.

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

Prayer for guidance by Gary Veldink

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

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

Also present: Robert Blitchok, Township Superintendent

Absent: None

**#230313-01 – Approval of Agenda as presented for March 13, 2023.**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by Amy Grasman, to approve the agenda as presented.

Jim Wierenga asked to add a motion to approve the appointments to the EDC.

Amended motion moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Amy Grasman, to approve the agenda with the addition of approving the appointments to the EDC.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230313-02 – Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:**

- a. [February 27, 2023](#) Services Committee meeting minutes
- b. [February 2023](#) Fire Department Report

**#230313-03 – Public Comments for items remaining on the agenda**

Members of the public were present, and comments were made.

**#230313-04 - Consent agenda**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to grant the following.

- a. Approval of the [February 27, 2023](#) Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of the regular monthly bills for [March 13, 2023](#).
- c. Approval of the [Resolution for the Saturday Slip-N-Slide Charitable Gaming License](#).
- d. Approval of the Saturday Slip-N-Slide 2023 – [Friday Evening Event Request](#)
- e. Approval of the Employee Benefits Manual – [Revision](#)
- f. Approval of the Precinct Rental Agreements through December 31, 2026 ([Precinct 1.3](#), [Precinct 2](#), [Precinct 4.9](#), [Precinct 5](#), [Precinct 7](#), [Precinct 8.12](#), [Precinct 10](#), [Precinct 11.15](#), [Precinct 13](#), [Precinct 14](#), [Precinct 16.17](#))

Gary Veldink moved to move Item d out of the consent agenda and add it as a separate item.

Amended motion to grant the Consent Agenda Items with the removal of item d.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230313-05 – 2022 Kent County, Ottawa County and the City of Grand Rapids Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the Hazardous Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution as follows:

Hazard Mitigation Plat Adoption Resolution  
(Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_)

WHEREAS Georgetown Township, Michigan, has experienced risks that may damage commercial, residential and public properties, displace citizens and businesses, close streets and impair infrastructure, and present general public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, Ottawa County has prepared a *Hazard Mitigation Plan* that outlines the community’s options to reduce damages and impacts from natural and technological hazards; and

WHEREAS, the *Hazard Mitigation Plan* has been reviewed by community residents, business owners, and federal, state and local agencies, and has been revised where appropriate to reflect their concerns;

NOW, therefore, be it resolved that:

The [2022 Kent County, Ottawa County and the City of Grand Rapids Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) is hereby adopted as an official plan of Georgetown Township.

([Letter from FEMA](#), [Letter from Ottawa County](#), [Ottawa County Resolution](#) , [HMP Summary](#))

(Note: The Township Board previously approved a Hazardous Mitigation Plan Resolution on July 19, 2017. Also note that the entire plan can be viewed on the miottawa website under “Mitigation” in the Emergency Management section at [https://www.miottawa.org/Sheriff/pdf/2022\\_Hazard\\_Mitigation\\_Plan.pdf](https://www.miottawa.org/Sheriff/pdf/2022_Hazard_Mitigation_Plan.pdf) .)

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230313-06 – Township Mowing and Fertilizing Contracts for 2023-2025**

Moved by Becky Steel, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve contracting with Priest Enterprises LLC for all five of the mowing and fertilizing contracts for 2023-2025 as recommended by the Services Committee.

[Mowing Bid Package 1 2023 to 2025 Bid Tab](#)  
[Mowing Bid Package 2 2023 to 2025 Bid Tab](#)  
[Fertilizer Bid Package 2023 to 2025 Bid Tab](#)  
[Fertilizer Bid Package DPW and Cemetery 2023 to 2025 Bid Tab](#)  
[Property Maintenance Bid Package 2023 to 2025 Bid Tab](#)

[Specifications for Mowing Bid Package 1 2023 to 2025](#)  
[Specifications for Mowing Bid Package 2 2023 to 2025](#)  
[Specifications for Fertilizing Bid Package 2023 to 2025](#)  
[Specifications for Fertilizing Bid Package for DPW and Cemetery 2023 to 2025](#)  
[Specifications for Property Maintenance Bid Package 2023 to 2025](#)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230313-07 – Pickelball Courts – Contracting with Jeff Howlett**

Moved by Amy Grasman, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve a contract with Jeff Howlett for Levels of Engagement one and two of his consulting services regarding Pickelball Courts.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**#230313-08 – EDC Committee Appointments**

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Gary Veldink, to approve the the appointments to the EDC.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**#230313-09 – Friday Evening Slip-N-Slide Event Request**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the Saturday Slip-N-Slide 2023 Friday Evening Event Request as recommended by the Services Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230313-10 – Public Comment**

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

**#230313-11 – Discussion and General information**

Discussion took place.

**#230313-12 - Meeting Adjourned**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Jim Wierenga, Chairperson

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Ryan Kidd, Clerk