

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD MAY 8, 2023.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Wierenga at 7:01 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, Justin Stadt, Township Assistant Superintendent

Absent: None

**#230508-01 – Approval of Agenda as presented for May 8, 2023.**

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

Becky Steele motioned to amend the agenda to include the previous Township Board meeting minutes and Township Bills in to the consent

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230508-02 – Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:**

- a. [April 2023 JHA Report](#)
- b. [April 24, 2023 Services Committee meeting minutes](#)

**#230508-03 – Public Comments for items remaining on the agenda**

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

**#230508-04 - Consent agenda**

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

- a. Approval of the April [24, 2023](#) Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of the regular monthly bills for [April 24, 2023](#).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230508-05 – Presentation by Kimberly Wolters**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the Township Board to write a letter of support for a new Environmental Sustainability Center in Georgetown Township.

Becky Steele withdrew her motion, and John Schwalm withdrew his support, for the Township Board to write a letter of support for a new Environmental Sustainability Center in Georgetown Township.

Discussion took place between the Township Board members and Kimberly Wolters regarding the Environmental Sustainability Center in Georgetown Township. The Township Board determined that further information was needed prior to making a decision.

**#230508-06 – (REZ2302) (Ordinance 2023-03): Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 2 and Chapter 24**

**(REZ2302) Ordinance 2023-03:**

GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
(Ordinance No. 2023-03)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for the Charter Township of Georgetown, held at the Township Offices on May 8, 2023, the following Ordinance/ordinance amendment was offered for adoption by Township Board Member Gary Veldink, and was seconded by Township Board Member Becky Steele, to adopt the [staff report](#) as finding of fact and upon recommendation from the Planning Commission:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 2 AND 24

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GEORGETOWN (the “Township”) ORDAINS:

Article I. The Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, is hereby amended to revise Chapter 2 and Chapter 24 as follows:

**Sec 2.25 DAY CARE HOME, FAMILY**

A single family residence, occupied as such, in which care is provided for more than **at least** one (1) but less than **seven** (7) minor children or adults for periods of less than twenty-four (24) hours per day, unattended by a parent or legal guardian. Care for persons related by blood, marriage or adoption to a member of the family occupying the dwelling is excluded from this definition. **The capacity may be increased by one (1) in compliance with State licensing requirements.**

**Sec 2.26 DAY CARE HOME, GROUP**

A single family residence, occupied as such, in which care is provided for at least seven (7) but not more than twelve (12) minor children or adults for periods of less than twenty-four (24) hours per day, unattended by a parent or legal guardian. Care for persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption to a member of the family occupying the dwelling is excluded from this definition. **The capacity may be increased by two (2) in compliance with State licensing requirements.**

**Chapter 24 District Regulations**

<b>RR Residential</b>	30,000 (C)	<b>150 (C)</b>	20	40 (L)	20	40	50	35
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Article II. Except as specified above, the balance of the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Article III. Severability. In the event that any one or more sections, provisions, phrases, or words of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall be found to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or the enforceability of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases, or other words of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment, and the balance of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Article IV. Effective Date. This Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall become effective upon the expiration of seven (7) days after the date that this Ordinance/ordinance amendment or a summary thereof appears in the newspaper as provided by law.

The vote in favor of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment was as follows:

YEAS: John Schwlam, Becky Steele, Ryan Kidd, Jim Wierenga, Michael Bosch, Gary Veldink, Amy Grasman  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE/ORDINANCE AMENDMENT DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

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

Respectfully submitted,

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Kidd  
Georgetown Charter Township Clerk

**#230508-07 – (REZ2303) (Ordinance 2023-04) To change from Low Density Residential (LDR) to (HS) Highway Service Commercial (HS) a parcel of land described as P.P. # 70-14-27-200-045 located 1990 Port Sheldon St., Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Michigan**

**GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
(Ordinance No. 2023-04)**

At a regular meeting of the Georgetown Charter Township Board held at the Township offices on \_May 8, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Township Board Member \_Gary Veldink made a motion to adopt this Ordinance because the proposed zoning designation **is consistent** with the Master plan and the Future Land Use Map for the area; the area **is capable** of sustaining the uses within the HS district without

additional public funds; the uses allowed within the HS district **are compatible** with the neighboring uses and to adopt the [staff report](#) as finding of fact, which motion was seconded by Township Board Member Becky Steele:

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, AND MAP**

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GEORGETOWN (the “Township”) ORDAINS:

Article I. The map of the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**(REZ2303) (Ordinance 2023-04)** To change from Low Density Residential (LDR) to Highway Service Commercial (HS) a parcel of land described as P.P. # 70-14-27-200-045 located 1990 Port Sheldon St., Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Michigan.

Article II. Except as specified above, the balance of the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Article III. Severability. In the event that any one or more sections, provisions, phrases, or words of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall be found to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or the enforceability of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases, or other words of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment, and the balance of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Article IV. Effective Date. This Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall become effective upon the expiration of seven (7) days after the date that this Ordinance/ordinance amendment or a summary thereof appears in the newspaper as provided by law.

The vote in favor of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment was as follows:

YEAS: John Schwlam, Becky Steele, Ryan Kidd, Jim Wierenga, Michael Bosch, Gary Veldink, Amy Grasman  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED AND ORDINANCE/ORDINANCE AMENDMENT DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Respectfully submitted,

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Kidd  
Georgetown Charter Township Clerk

**#230508-10 – Public Comment**

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

**#230508-11 – Discussion and General information**

Discussion took place.

**#230508-12 – Closed Session for Superintendent’s Evaluation**

Move by Gary Veldink, seconded by Becky Steele, to move to a closed session for the Superintendent’s evaluation under MCL 15.268, Sec. 8(a), to consider a periodic personnel evaluation, as requested by the Superintendent.

After: To go to open session.

YEAS: John Schwlam, Becky Steele, Ryan Kidd, Jim Wierenga, Michael Bosch, Gary Veldink, Amy Grasman

NAYS: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm to come out of closed session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Ryan Kidd, seconded by Gary Veldink, to increase the salary for the Superintendent’s salary for the second year of the contract from \$150,000 to \$160,000.

YEAS: John Schwlam, Becky Steele, Ryan Kidd, Jim Wierenga, Gary Veldink, Amy Grasman

NAYS: Michael Bosch

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED

**#230508-12 - Meeting Adjourned**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by Gary Veldink , to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Jim Wierenga, Chairperson

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Ryan Kidd, Clerk