

**MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m.

Present: John Schwalm-Alternate Member, Ryan Kidd and Michael Bosch, members; Rob Blitchok, Superintendent, and Justin Stadt, Assistant Superintendent  
Absent: Jim Wierenga

**#230605-01 - Finance Committee Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Moved by Ryan Kidd, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the minutes of the [April 17, 2023](#) Finance Committee meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230605-02 – Schedule Budget Meetings**

Moved by Ryan Kidd, seconded by John Schwalm, to recommend to the Township Board to approve scheduling the following budget meetings:

- a. August 7, 2023 – Present a draft budget to the Finance Committee.
- b. August 14, 2023 – Present a draft budget to the Township Board.
- c. September 11, 2023 – Tentatively adopt the budget and schedule a public hearing for September 25, 2023.
- d. September 25, 2023 – Hold the public hearing and consideration of the adoption of the budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230605-03 – Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-05, Sidewalk Ordinance Revision ([Current ordinance and reason for revisions](#), [History](#))**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05  
SIDEWALK REVISION ORDINANCE**

An ordinance to amend Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Georgetown, Michigan.

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GEORGETOWN ORDAINS:**

ARTICLE 1. Amendment. That Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Georgetown, Michigan, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec 10-213 Required Sidewalk Installation And Construction**

1. Sidewalks shall be **required installed, constructed and maintained adjacent to all paved streets** in all new developments and projects (and shall be installed or paid for by the developer or land owner) as follows:
  1. All new plats and subdivisions.

2. All new site condominium and other condominium projects or developments.
3. Any new commercial, industrial, business or office use or development and for which a zoning site plan approval is required.
4. Any expansion of or addition to the development or project specified in subsection (1), (2) or (3) above.

ARTICLE 2. Severability. In the event that any one or more sections, provisions, phrases, or words of this Ordinance shall be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity or the enforceability of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases, or other words of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE 3. Except as specified above, the balance of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Georgetown, Michigan, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 4. Effective Date. The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of thirty (30) days from the date of publication after adoption of this Ordinance or a summary of its provisions in accordance with the law.

Moved by John Schwalm, seconded by Ryan Kidd, to recommend to the Township board to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-05, Sidewalk Revision Ordinance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230605-04 – Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-07, Fireworks Ordinance Revision ([Current ordinance and reason for revisions](#))**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-07  
FIREWORKS REVISION ORDINANCE**

An ordinance to amend Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Georgetown, Michigan.

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GEORGETOWN ORDAINS:**

1. ARTICLE 1. Amendment. That Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Georgetown, Michigan, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec 38-6 Fireworks

2. *Ignition, discharge or use of consumer fireworks*. No person shall at any time ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks within the township. The foregoing restriction shall not apply on the day

preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday (as defined by 5 USC 6103) and exceptions in the MICHIGAN FIREWORKS SAFETY ACT (EXCERPT) Act 256 of 2011 which include: the ignition, discharge, or use of consumer fireworks on the following days after 11 a.m.:

(a) December 31 until 1 a.m. on January 1.

(b) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

(c) June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

(d) July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.

(e) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

ARTICLE 2. Severability. In the event that any one or more sections, provisions, phrases, or words of this Ordinance shall be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity or the enforceability of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases, or other words of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE 3. Except as specified above, the balance of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Georgetown, Michigan, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 4. Effective Date. The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of thirty (30) days from the date of publication after adoption of this Ordinance or a summary of its provisions in accordance with the law.

Moved by John Schwalm, seconded by Ryan Kidd, to recommend to the Township board to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-07, Fireworks Revision Ordinance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Exhibit 1: Amended Fireworks Ordinance**

No person within the township shall ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks, as defined in the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act (MCL 28.451 et seq.);

1) On any day other than the following days:

(a) On December 31, after 11:00 a.m. and until 1:00 a.m. on January 1

(b) On Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day after 11:00 a.m. and until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days

(c) On June 29 to July 4 after 11:00 a.m. and until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days

(d) On July 5, if July 5 is a Friday or Saturday, after 11:00 a.m. and until 11:45 p.m.

(e) On the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day; after 11:00 a.m. and until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

**#230605-05 – Macatawa Bank Money Market Account**

Discussion took place.

[GCT Interest Calculator](#)  
[GCT Premium Plus MMKT Proposal](#)  
[Premium Plus MMKT Disclosure](#)

**#230605-06 – Discussion of Goals**

Discussion took place.

Tax Decrease of .25 Mills- Rob Blitchok to give financial update this summer  
Inflation Increase- Table for Jim Wierenga  
Township Communication- Table for future discussion  
Mid-Year Budget update- Rob Blitchok to give update in July

**#230605-07 – Public Comments**

No members of the public were present, and no public comments were made.

**#230605-08 – Other Business**

A discussion on various topics took place.

**#230605-09 – Adjournment**

Moved by John Schwalm , seconded by Ryan Kidd, to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.