

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD JUNE 12, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Wierenga at 7:01 p.m.

Prayer for guidance by John Schwalm

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

#230612-01 – Approval of Agenda as presented for June 12, 2023.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#230612-02 – Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:

- a. [April 2023](#) Sheriff Monthly Report
- b. [May 8, 2023](#), Services Committee meeting minutes

#230612-03 – Public Comments for Items Remaining on the Agenda.

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

#230612-04 - Consent Agenda

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Becky Steele, to grant the following.

- a. Approval of the [May 15, 2023](#), Special Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of the [May 22, 2023](#), Board Meeting Minutes.
- c. Approval of the regular monthly bills for [June 12, 2023](#).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#230612-05 – New Aerial Platform Fire Truck

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the purchase of a new aerial platform fire truck at the bid amount of \$1,848,140.82 and to amend the 2023 general fund budget to include ARPA revenue and related capital expenditure for the amount of \$1,848,140.82 as recommended by the Services Committee.

[Platform Truck](#)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#230612-06 – Digital Sign for Fire Station #2

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the purchase of a Digital Sign for Fire Station #2 from D-Signs LLC in the amount of \$18,505.00 as recommended by the Services Committee.

[Fire Station 2 Sign](#)

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Amy Grasman
Nays: Michael Bosch
Absent: Ryan Kidd

MOTION CARRIED.

#230612-07 – Parks Master Plan

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by Amy Grassman, to approve contracting with Viridis Design Group for \$11,000.00 to create a Parks Master Plan as recommended by the Services Committee.

- [Viridis – 5 Year Rec Plan](#)
- [Williams and Works – 5 Year Rec Plan](#)
- [MCSA Group – 5 Year Rec Plan](#)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#230612-08 - Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-05, Sidewalk Ordinance Revision ([Current ordinance and reason for revisions](#), [History](#))

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-05, Sidewalk Revision Ordinance:

**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.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#230612-09 – Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-07, Fireworks Ordinance Revision ([Current ordinance and reason for revisions](#))

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Amy Grassman, to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-07, Fireworks Revision Ordinance, to be consistent with the Michigan State Law, as recommended by the Finance Committee:

**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 within the township shall ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks, as defined in the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act (MCL 28.451 et es.); on any day other than the following days:*

- (a) 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 Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day, after 11:00 a.m. and 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.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#230612-10 - Public Comment

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

#230612-11 – Discussion and General information

Discussion took place.

#230612-12 - Meeting Adjourned

Moved by Michael Bosch, seconded by Becky Steele, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jim Wierenga, Chairperson

Ryan Kidd, Clerk