

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD JUNE 14, 2021.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Wierenga at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer for guidance by John Schwalm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

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

Also present: Daniel Carlton, Township Superintendent

Absent: None

**#210614-01 - Agenda as presented for June 14, 2021**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#210614-02 – Hudsonville Public Schools Drainage Presentation**

The following were present: Doug VanderJagt, Superintendent of Hudsonville Public Schools; Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent; Chad Tuttle, Ken Hall, Dawn Sneden and Mark Davis, School Board trustees; Travis Vruggink, Matt Heidloff and Thom Danckaert with GMB Architect and Engineering; and Joe Bush, Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner. A presentation was given on [drainage](#), the [5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade building](#) and a [delineation map](#). The presentation showed that the project would help with drainage issues in the area by slowing the water flow before it gets to the wetland area. Joe Bush stated that both Hudsonville Public Schools and GMB have been great partners to work with on projects.

**#210614-03 – Public Comment Period for Hudsonville Public Schools Development**

Dan Scholten, 7792 Schoolside Dr., stated that he was a spokesperson for his neighborhood, and he expressed a concern with water problems in his neighborhood ([letter](#) from the Ottawa County Drain Commissioner).

**#210614-04 – Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:**

- a. [April 21, 2021](#) Sheriff Department Report
- b. [May 24, 2021](#) Services Committee meeting minutes
- c. [May 26, 2021](#) Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes
- d. [June 2, 2021](#) Planning Commission meeting minutes
- e. OCRC [Cottonwood Dr.](#) Construction Notice
- f. OCRC [48<sup>th</sup> Ave Road Resurfacing](#) Notification
- g. OCRC [Bauer Rd.](#) traffic control

**#210614-05 – Public Comments for items remaining on the agenda**

There were members of the public in attendance, but there were no public comments at this time.

**#210614-06 - Consent agenda**

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

- a. Approval of minutes of the previous board meeting on [May 24, 2021](#) and the special board meeting on [May 17, 2021](#).
- b. Approval of the regular monthly bills for [June 4, 2021](#), the [utility bills](#) and the [visa bills](#).
- c. Approval to release the escrow funds being held from the purchase of 1300 Maplewood Drive pending the cleanup of the property, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#210614-07 – Unfinished Business - WCET PEG Fees**

**Previous Activity:**

*#210222-08 – Review Cable Contracts*

*Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Katherine Henry, to eliminate the PEG fees paid by residents related to WCET's equipment since they have a surplus of equipment.*

*Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Becky Steele, to postpone the motion to give WCET a chance to come in to provide more information to either the Finance Committee or Board.*

*Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Ryan Kidd, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch*

*Nays: Katherine Henry*

*Absent: None*

**MOTION CARRIED**

*#210308-09 - Unfinished Business – WCET Peg Fees*

[WCET AGREEMENT](#)

[WCET PROPOSAL](#)

*Allan Dodds and Ken Krombeen, Grandville City Manager, were present.*

*There was a [WCET PRESENTATION](#).*

*Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by John Schwalm, to further postpone action on this item.*

*Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Gary Veldink, to amend the motion to postpone action on this item until the first meeting in June.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Supervisor presented the motion that was now on the floor from being previously postponed:

**Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Katherine Henry, to eliminate the PEG fees paid by residents related to WCET’s equipment since they have a surplus of equipment.**

The Supervisor asked the two members of the WCET Board to present information.

John Schwalm presented information and plans for the future of WCET. He was not in favor of cutting the peg fees.

Michael Bosch stating that there is a push to find the relevancy of the station, which has an excess of money, and the PEG fees don’t make that much of a difference. He leans toward eliminating the PEG fees.

There was further discussion.

Katherine Henry called the question because there is a motion on the floor.

**Postponed motion:**

**Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Katherine Henry, to eliminate the PEG fees paid by residents related to WCET’s equipment since they have a surplus of equipment.**

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Ryan Kidd, Katherine Henry, Gary Veldink, Michael Bosch  
Nays: Becky Steele, John Schwalm  
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**#210614-08 – Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**#210614-09 – Discussion and General information**

There was board discussion.

It was noted that the Board has the opportunity to present comments with residents’ concerns to EGLE about the Hudsonville Public School project. Also, it was noted that the project will provide improvements to the drainage issues in the area and the Township has no authority over school projects.

**#210614-10 – Send Comments to EGLE**

Moved by Katherine Henry, seconded by Gary Veldink, to send a letter to EGLE, Joe Bush, and cc Hudsonville Public School, passing along residents’ concerns over drainage issues that residents are experiencing, including the following:

- The proposed drainage system appears to help with traditional water flow patterns and problems.
- There are unusual occurrences on these particular properties where events are still happening.

- There seems to be significant 100-year flooding events that are occurring every single year which are affecting these homes.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Ryan Kidd, Katherine Henry, Gary Veldink, Michael Bosch,  
Nays: Becky Steele, John Schwalm  
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was noted that the Board would like Joe Bush to attend a Utilities Committee meeting.

**#210614-11 - Meeting Adjourned**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Becky Steele, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Jim Wierenga, Supervisor

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Ryan Kidd, Clerk