

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD JULY 10, 2023.**

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

Prayer for guidance by Jim Wierenga

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

**#230710-01 – Approval of Agenda as presented for July 10, 2023.**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230710-02 – Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:**

- a. [May 2023](#), Fire Monthly Report
- b. [May 2023](#), Sherriff Monthly Report.
- c. [June 12, 2023](#), Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes.
- d. [June 26, 2023](#), Services Committee Meeting Minutes.
- e. [June 28, 2023](#), Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes.

**#230710-03 – Public Comments for Items Remaining on the Agenda.**

Members of the public were present, comments were made.

**#230710-04 - Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approval of the [June 12, 2023](#), Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of the regular monthly bills for [June 26, 2023](#).
- c. Approval of the regular monthly bills for [July 10, 2023](#).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230710-05 – Schedule Budget Meetings**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by Ryan Kidd, to approve scheduling the following budget meetings as recommended by the Finance Committee.

1. August 7, 2023 – Present a draft budget to the Finance Committee
2. August 14, 2023 – Present a draft budget to the Township Board.
3. September 11, 2023 – Tentatively adopt the budget and schedule a public hearing for September 25, 2023
4. September 25, 2023 – Hold the public hearing and consideration of the adoption of the budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230710-06 - Second Reading and Adoption 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 second reading and adoption 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.

The vote in favor of adopting this Ordinance was as follows:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CERTIFICATION

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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

**#230710-07 - Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-07, Fireworks Ordinance Revision ([Current ordinance and reason for revisions](#))**

Moved by Ryan Kidd, seconded by Becky Steele, to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-07, Fireworks Revision Ordinance, to be consistent with the Michigan State Law:

**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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The vote in favor of adopting this Ordinance was as follows:

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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

**#230710-08 – Sidewalk Waiver Request for 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. ([application](#), [staff report](#))**

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Ryan Kidd, to approve a sidewalk waiver along 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.as requested, as recommended by the Utilities Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230710-09 – Fire Station Drop Boxes & Cameras**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Amy Grasman, to approve the installation of a Ballot Drop Box by Lakewood Construction for \$11,983 and Cameras by Grand Valley Automation for \$10,066 at Fire Stations #1 and #3 as required by law, as recommended by the Utilities Committee.

[Ballot Boxes Bid](#)  
[Ballot Drop Boxes – SOM Requirements](#)  
[GBA Bid – Fire Department Drop Box Cameras](#)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230710-10 – City of Hastings Request to be Removed From the GVMC**

Moved by Ryan Kidd, seconded by Gary Veldink, to approve the City of Hastings request to be removed from the GVMC, as recommended by the Services Committee.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230710-11 – Jeff Howlett Pickleball Update & Presentation**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by Amy Grasman, to approve the contract with Jeff Howlett for the third level of Engagement for \$2,600, as recommended by the Services Committee.

[Georgetown Feasibility Research](#)  
[Levels of Engagement](#)  
[8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park - Layout](#)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**#230710-12 - Public Comment**

Members of the public were present, comments were made.

**#230710-13 – Discussion and General information**

Discussion took place.

**#230710-14 - Meeting Adjourned**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by Amy Grasman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Jim Wierenga, Chairperson

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Ryan Kidd, Clerk