

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE **GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD** HELD JULY 24, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Wierenga at 7:02 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

#230724-01 – Approval of Agenda as presented for July 24, 2023.

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#230724-02 – Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:

- a. [July 2023](#), JHA Newsletter.
- b. [July 5, 2023](#), Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.
- c. [GTWP Investment Report](#) for Second Quarter of 2023.
- d. [July 17, 2023](#), Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.
- e. [June 2023](#), GT Fire Department Monthly Report.
- f. [June 2023](#), Sheriff's Report.

#230724-03 – Public Comments for Items Remaining on the Agenda.

Members of the public were present, comments were made.

#230724-04 - Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approval of the [July 10, 2023](#), Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of the regular monthly bills for [July 24, 2023](#).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#230724-05 – Blendon Payback Remittance

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the closing of the Blendon Payback account and remit the balance of the Hidden Ridge Lift Station (\$60,500) for a total of \$238,713.48 to Blendon Township as recommended by the Utilities Committee.

[Blendon Bauer Payback – 2003](#)
[Blendon Port Sheldon 48th Payback – 2006](#)
[Blendon Payback Remittance](#)
[Balance Sheet Report – Blendon Payback](#)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#230724-06 – Rate Study Presentation – Baker Tilly

[The Georgetown Township Water Sewer Final Report](#) was presented to the Township Board by Baker Tilly.

#230724-07 – Proposal to Reduce Township Millage Rate From 2.25 to 2.0

Moved by Michael Bosch, seconded by Ryan Kidd, to approve the reduction of the township millage rate from 2.25 to 2.0 mills for the 2024 tax year, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

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

MOTION FAILS.

#230724-08 - Public Comment

Members of the public were present, comments were made.

#230724-09 – Discussion and General information

Discussion took place.

#230724-10 - Meeting Adjourned

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by John Schwalm, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jim Wierenga, Chairperson

Ryan Kidd, Clerk