

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE **GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD** HELD AUGUST 14, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson 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, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch, Amy Grasman

Also present: Robert Blitchok, Township Superintendent, Justin Stadt, Township Assistant Superintendent

Absent: None

**#230814-01 – Approval of Agenda as presented for August 14, 2023.**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230814-02 – Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:**

- a. [July 19, 2023](#), Planning Commission meeting minutes.
- b. [July 26, 2023](#), Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes.
- c. [July 24, 2023](#), Services Committee meeting minutes.
- d. [August 7, 2023](#), Finance Committee meeting minutes.

**#230814-03 – Public Comments for Items Remaining on the Agenda.**

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

**#230814-04 - Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approval of the [July 24, 2023](#), Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of the regular monthly bills for [August 14, 2023](#).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230814-05 – County Agreement for Nine Days of Early Voting – Justin Roebuck.**

Move by Ryan Kidd, seconded by Becky Steele, to approve the Agreement for Early Voting Administrative Services with the Ottawa County Clerk/Register of Deeds Office, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

[Township Agreement for Early Voting Services](#)

[Prop 2 - 2 Year Cost - 4 Sites - updated NEW.xlsx \(georgetown-mi.gov\)](#)

[Comparison of Costs](#) to perform 9 Days Early In-Person in house versus contracting with Ottawa County Clerk/Register of Deeds Office.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230814-06 - (REZ2304) Ordinance 2023-06** To change from (RR) Rural Residential to (LDR) Low Density Residential a parcel of land described as P.P. # 70-14-08-200-067, located at 3405 Bauer Rd., Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Michigan

**Georgetown Charter Township  
Ottawa County, Michigan  
(Ordinance No. 2023-06)**

At a regular meeting of the Georgetown Charter Township Board held at the Township offices on August 14, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Township Board Member Gary Veldink made a motion to adopt this Ordinance because the proposed zoning designation is **consistent** with the Master plan and the Future Land Use Map for the area (evidence was provided that the site will be serviced by public water and sanitary sewer); the area is **capable** of sustaining the uses within the LDR district without addition public funds; the uses allowed within the LDR district are **compatible** with the neighboring uses, and to adopt the staff report as finding of fact, which motion was seconded by Township Board Member Becky Steele:

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, AND MAP**

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GEORGETOWN (the “Township”) ORDAINS:

ARTICLE 1. The map of the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**(REZ2304) Ordinance 2023-06** To change from (RR) Rural Residential to (LDR) Low Density Residential a parcel of land described as P.P. # 70-14-08-200-070, located at 3405 Bauer Rd., Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Michigan.

Except as expressly modified by the above, the balance of the Zoning Map of the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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 Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, and map 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 seven (7) days from the date of publication 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: Amy Grasman, Gary Veldink, Michael Bosch, Jim Wierenga, Ryan Kidd, Becky Steele, John Schwalm

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#230814-07 – Budget Draft Presentation**

A draft of the Georgetown Township Budget for fiscal year 2024 was presented.

[Manager Draft Budget - 2024](#)  
[Manager Draft Budget 2024 version 2](#)

**#230814-08 - Public Comment**

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

**#230814-09 – Discussion and General information**

Discussion took place.

**#230814-10 - Meeting Adjourned**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Amy Grasman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Jim Wierenga, Chairperson

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Ryan Kidd, Clerk