

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD AUGUST 23, 2021.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman 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

Also present: Daniel Carlton, Township Superintendent

Absent: None

**#210823-01 - Agenda as presented for August 23, 2021**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#210823-02 – Update from County Commissioner Kyle Terpstra.**

**#210823-03 – Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:**

- a. [August 16, 2021](#) Finance Committee meeting minutes
- b. [Balance Sheet](#) and [GL Report](#)

**#210823-04 –Public Hearing and Approval of an Application for IFEC (ACT 198), for Cellulose Material Solutions, LLC, 2472 Port Sheldon Street, Jenison, MI, 49428, P.P. # 70-14-21-400-075 and P.P. # 70-14-28-200-039.**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Becky Steele, to open the public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public comments were made.

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by John Schwalm, to close the public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Michael Bosch, to approve the following resolution:

**HEARING FOR APPLICATION FOR I.F.E.C.  
(ACT 198) FOR Cellulose Material Solutions, LLC,  
2472 Port Sheldon Street, Jenison, MI, 49428,  
P.P. # 70-14-21-400-075 and P.P. # 70-14-28-200-039**

Whereas, Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended, authorized the Township to approve application for industrial facilities exemption certificate; and

Whereas, pursuant to Act 198, and after a duly noticed public hearing held on October 10, 1988, this township established the “Industrial District,” for the property listed below:

**Nu-Wool Insulation Company, Inc., 2472 Port Sheldon Street, Jenison, MI, 49428, P.P. # 70-14-21-400-075 and P.P. # 70-14-28-200-039, Jenison, MI, Georgetown Township**

Whereas, **Cellulose Material Solutions, LLC**, hereinafter referred to as “applicant”, has filed an application for an industrial facilities exemption certificate under the provisions of Act 198 and this township set August 23, 2021, at 7:00 PM or after, local time, as the time to give the Township Assessor and a representative of each affected taxing unit an opportunity to be heard regarding said application as amended; and

Whereas, written notification of this hearing has been given to the Township Assessor and to the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad valorem taxes within the township; and

Whereas, the Township Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units have been given an opportunity to be heard with regard to the approval of an industrial facility exemption certificate for the applicant; and

Whereas, there were no objections to the approval of the industrial facilities exemption certificate at the meeting held on August 23, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Township Board of Georgetown Charter Township as follows:

1. That this Township Board finds:
  - a) The proposed facility is located within an industrial development district which was duly established in Georgetown Township upon request or on the Township’s own initiative, taken before commencement of the restoration, replacement, or construction of the facility.
  - b) That completion of the facility shall not have the effect of transferring employment from another community within the State of Michigan to Georgetown Charter Township.
  - c) That the aggregate State Equalized Value of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes under Act 198 does not exceed 5% of the total State Equalized Value of the township plus the State Equalized Value of real and personal property thus exempted.
  - d) That the granting of industrial facilities exemption certificate, considered together with the aggregate amount of industrial facilities exemption certificates previously granted and currently in force, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the township of impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levied an ad valorem property tax in the township.

2. That the application of the applicant for an industrial facilities exemption certificate with regard to facilities set forth in the application to be constructed in the district be and is hereby approved for a period of twelve (12) years.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Note: All notices were sent and were published

MOTION CARRIED AND RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Ryan Kidd, Clerk

I, Ryan Kidd, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular board meeting held August 23, 2021.

Attachments:

CMS IFE [Application](#) 7-1-21

Nu-Wool IDD [Resolution](#)

[MEDC Offer Letter signed 3-16-21](#)

Property [Legal Description](#)

[Description of Leases](#)

[Building Permit](#)

[Building Permit Notice](#)

[Office Costs](#)

[Warehouse Costs](#)

#### **#210823-05 – Public Comments for items remaining on the agenda**

There were members of the public in attendance and there were public comments.

#### **#210823-06 - Consent agenda**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by John Schwalm, to grant the following (with the minutes removed).

- a. Approval of the regular monthly bills for [August 20, 2021](#).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **#210823-07 – Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting on [August 9, 2021](#).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

### **#210823-08 – Review the Proposed Budget**

The draft budget was presented. The Board reviewed the budget and determined to follow the schedule already adopted by the Board as follows: on September 13, 2021 tentatively adopt the budget and schedule a public hearing, and on September 27, 2021 hold the public hearing and adopt the budget.

### **#210823-09 – Board Committee Assignment Changes**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Michael Bosch, to approve moving Ryan Kidd from serving as a member of the Services Committee to serve as a member of the Utilities Committee, that Ryan Kidd become the alternate member for the Services Committee, and that the newly appointed Board Trustee serve as a member of the Services Committee, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **#210823-10 – Interviews of Candidates for Trustee Position and Vote**

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Ryan Kidd, to interview the candidates on the five [questions](#) they were presented and to draw randomly their names to present in ten minute increments. Then after completed they would go back to the conference room.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The following candidates were interviewed in this order:

Dan Winiarski - 7788 Canary Lane  
Adam Vander Band - 1482 Baldwin St.  
Kirsten M Manthei - 4499 Chateau West Dr.  
Kelly Kuiper - 7351 Wind Stone Dr.

The Board members [voted](#) and the results were: Kelly Kuiper – 3 and Kirsten Manthei – 3.

### **#210823-11 – Appointment of Trustee**

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Becky Steele, to appoint Kelly Kuiper to the position of Township Trustee, with the appointment effective immediately, with the term to expire November 20, 2022 at noon.

There was discussion.

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

**TIE VOTE.**

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by John Schwalm, to randomly draw a name out of a hat of one of the two candidates.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The names were placed in a basket and Sgt. Chris Koster picked the name of Kirsten Manthei.

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Ryan Kidd, to appoint Kirsten Manthei to the position of Township Trustee, with the appointment effective immediately, with the term to expire November 20, 2022 at noon.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ryan Kidd administered the oath to Kirsten Manthei and then she joined the Board.

**210823-12 – FOIA Appeal**

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Gary Veldink, to deny the [FOIA Appeal](#).

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**#210823-13 – Public Comment**

There were public comments.

**#210823-14 – Discussion and General information**

There was board discussion.

**#210823-15 - Meeting Adjourned**

Moved by John Schwalm, seconded by Becky Steele, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Jim Wierenga, Supervisor

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Ryan Kidd, Clerk