

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE **GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD** HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 2021.

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

Prayer for guidance by Gary Veldink

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

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

Also present: Daniel Carlton, Township Superintendent

Absent: None

#210913-01 - Agenda as presented for September 13, 2021

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

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by John Schwalm, to amend the motion to add an item for recommended trick or treating time since Halloween falls on a Sunday.

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION AS AMEDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#210913-02 – Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:

- a. [August 16, 2021](#) Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes
- b. [August 18, 2021](#) Planning Commission meeting minutes
- c. [July 2021](#) Sheriff's Department Report
- d. [August 23, 2021](#) Services Committee meeting minutes

#210913-03 – Public Comments for items remaining on the agenda

There were public comments.

#210913-04 - Consent agenda

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

- a. Approval of minutes of the previous board meeting on [August 23, 2021](#).
- b. Approval of the regular monthly bills for [September 13, 2021](#).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#210913-05 – Tentatively Adopt the 2022 Budget and Schedule a Public Hearing

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Becky Steele, to approve the [resolution](#) (with tentative budget) to tentatively adopt the 2022 budget and to schedule a public hearing for September 27, 2021.

Moved by Michael Bosch, seconded by Gary Veldink, to amend the motion by removing \$200,000 from capital outlay and removing \$400,000 capital outlay-fixed expense, for a total of \$600,000, from the Parks and Recreation budget.

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

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.

Michael Bosch stated that he would like to reduce the amount of taxpayer money used to subsidize the Senior Transpiration program, but no motion was made or seconded.

Moved by Michael Bosch to amend the motion to reduce the library budget by \$400,000. The motion died for lack of a second.

Moved by Ryan Kidd, seconded by Gary Veldink, to amend the motion to reduce the 2022 library budget to be the same as the 2021 budget, which is \$1,471,900, a reduction of \$21,500.

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

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.

Motion as amended:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#210913-06 – Amend Agenda

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Ryan Kidd, to amend the agenda to moving the crossing guard item to precede the Master Plan item.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#210913-07 – Additional Crossing Guard Post at Bursley Elementary

Representatives from Jenison Public Schools were present and made public comments.

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve entering into an agreement with Jenison Public Schools, with them to pay half the cost, to add an additional Crossing Guard at Bursley Elementary to help students cross 12th Ave., north of Port Sheldon St., as [requested by Jenison Public Schools](#), and as recommended by the Services Committee.

To be transparent, Becky Steele noted that she teaches at Bursley Elementary School and her daughter attends the school. She presented the dangerous traffic situation. It was noted that Jenison Public Schools was working to address the traffic problem.

First amendment:

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to amend the motion to approve the agreement through the 2022-2023 school year, and for the school to be responsible for the installation of the crossing according to the required specification, and to have the school pay the entire cost to install the crossing, and to have the school be entirely responsible to remove the crossing at the end of the 2023 school year, and the Township would pay for half of the cost of the crossing guard for the timeframe of the agreement.

It was noted that the school would provide the person for the crossing guard position.

Second amendment:

Moved by Michael Bosch, seconded by Becky Steele, to further amend the motion for the Township to pay a maximum amount of \$4,500 per year.

MOTION FOR THE SECOND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion as amended:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

#210913-08 – 2021 Draft Master Plan

Moved by John Schwalm, seconded by Becky Steele, to approve the distribution of the 2021 draft Master Plan and proposed revisions to the Future Land Use Map to the neighboring communities and to Ottawa County for review and advisory comments, and to begin the time period for those entities to submit advisory comments, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

- Attachments:
- [Draft 2021 Master Plan](#)
 - [Proposed Future Land Use Map Revisions](#)
 - [Summary of proposed text revisions](#)
 - [Future Land Use Map](#)
 - [Process](#)
 - [Requirements](#)
 - [Planning Commission minutes of March 3, 2021](#)
 - [Planning Commission minutes of June 2, 2021](#)
 - [Planning Commission minutes of July 21, 2021](#)
 - [Planning Commission minutes of August 18, 2021](#)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

#210913-09 – Halloween Trick or Treat Time

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Ryan Kidd, to approve recommending trick or treat time as Saturday evening, October 30, 2021, with the usual traditional time from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#210913-10 – Resolution Opposing Vaccine Mandate

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by John Schwalm, to ask the Supervisor to draft a resolution opposing the vaccine mandate.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

#210913-11 – Resolution Opposing Mask Mandate at Elementary Schools

Moved by Michael Bosch, seconded by Kirsten Manthei, to ask the Superintendent to draft a resolution opposing the mask mandate at elementary schools.

Becky Steele noted that she is opposed to such a resolution and would not want to sign either of the resolutions.

Kirsten Manthei commented that she was in favor of the resolution because a majority of our constituents support mask choice.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

#210913-12 – Public Comment

There were no public comments.

#210913-13 - Meeting Adjourned

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Becky Steele, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jim Wierenga, Supervisor

Ryan Kidd, Clerk