

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD MARCH 23, 2020.

President Trump has declared a National Emergency and, with Executive Order No. 2020-4, Governor Whitmer declared that Michigan is in a State of Emergency. Both are due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-15 provides temporary changes to the Open Meeting Act, allowing a meeting of a public body to be held electronically, including by telephonic conferencing or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means.

Due to this Executive Order, the following Township Board members were present via video conferencing: Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, Jason Minier and Becky Steele. Members of the public were also present via video conferencing.

The following Township Board members were present at the meeting: Jim Wierenga, John Schwalm and Michael Bosch. Dan Carlton, Township Superintendent, and Rod Weersing, Assistant Manager, and one member of the public were also present in the audience.

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

Prayer for guidance by Carol Scholma

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

Members present: Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, Jason Minier, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch

Also present: Daniel Carlton, Township Superintendent

Absent: None

#200323-01 - Agenda as presented for March 23, 2020

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to approve the agenda as presented.

The Supervisor moved the Rezoning request to the end of the agenda

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The State of the Township Presentation by the Township Superintendent was cancelled due to the State of Emergency in Michigan and in the country.

#200323-02 - Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:

- a. [February 10, 2020](#) Utilities Committee meeting minutes
- b. [February 19, 2020](#) Planning Commission meeting minutes
- c. [January 2020](#) Sheriff's Department Report

- d. [March 4, 2020](#) Planning Commission meeting minutes
- e. [February 2020](#) Sheriff Report
- f. [March 18, 2020](#) Finance Committee meeting minutes
- g. JHA [January 2020 minutes](#) and [January 2020](#) Treasurer Report
- h. [March 6, 2020 Balance sheet](#) and [GL Report](#)
- i. [March 20, 2020 Balance sheet](#) and [GL Report](#)

#200323-03 – Public Comments for items remaining on the agenda

There were no public comments.

#200323-04 - Consent agenda

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to grant the following.

Michael Bosch asked to remove the following items from the consent agenda:

1. The request by Hudsonville Public Schools for the antenna and the repeater for a school emergency communication system to be placed on the Township water tower.
2. The request from Meet Up and Eat Up to use the concessions stand at Maplewood Park to provide lunches for children in the summer.
3. The request to accept the [low bid](#) of \$28,887.00 from Barber Ford for the 2020 Parks Department pickup truck.

Consent agenda now includes the following.

- a. Approval of minutes of the previous board meeting on [February 10, 2020](#).
- b. Approval of the regular monthly [bills for 2/21/20](#), [bills for 3/6/20](#), [utility bills](#) and [visa bills](#) for [March 20, 2020](#);
- c. Approval of the final preliminary (construction) plat of Cedar Lake No. 14 ([plat map](#)).
- d. Approval of the final preliminary (construction) plat of Jackson Ridge ([plat map](#)).
- e. Approval of the Emergency Response Plan Proposal as presented in the [letter](#) from Prein&Newhof dated March 9, 2020, not to exceed \$26,000.
- f. Approval to accept the [low bid](#) of \$10,250.00 from Green Pro Landscape for each of the 3 year periods 2020-2022, for fertilizing, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#200323-05 – 2020 Sewage Disposal System Improvements

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to adopt the [resolution](#) approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of the [contract](#) among Ottawa County, Georgetown Township, Jamestown Township and City of Hudsonville, and to publish the [notice](#), as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, Jason Minier, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#200323-06 – Economic Development Corporation – Sunset Manor Inc. Project

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to adopt the [resolution](#) which includes the following as per the attorney [letter](#):

1. Approving the “Project Area” designated as such by the EDC, which is the legal description of Sunset’s entire Waterford Place Campus.
2. Approving a “Project District Area” with the same legal description as the Project Area, in recognition of the fact that the area surrounding the Project Area will not be significantly affected by the Project (all activity being conducted on property already owned by Sunset).
3. Finding that a “Project Citizens District Council” need not be formed because, as provided in the EDC Act, the Project require neither a zoning change nor the condemnation of property.
4. Consenting to the appointment of two additional EDC Directors named by the Township Supervisor.
5. Setting a public hearing date for a public hearing on the “Project Plan” to be recommended to the Township Board by the EDC at its next meeting, and direct the publication of notice of such hearing, as required by the EDC Act, in the form of notice provided by the EDC’s Bond Counsel.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, Jason Minier, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#200323-07 - (REZ2001) Ordinance 2020-01 To change from (LDR) Low Density Residential to (RR) Rural Residential part of a parcel of land described as P.P. # 70-14-07-400-019, located at 8100 42nd Ave., Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Michigan ([rezone site plan](#), [application](#) and narrative).

**Georgetown Charter Township
Ottawa County, Michigan
(Ordinance No. 2020-01)**

At a regular meeting of the Georgetown Charter Township Board held at the Township offices on March 23, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Township Board Member Richard VanderKlok made a motion to adopt this Ordinance because the proposed zoning designation is **consistent** with the language of the Master Plan; the area is **capable** of sustaining the uses within the RR district without addition public funds; the uses

allowed within the RR district are **compatible** with the neighboring uses including both the surrounding LDR and the surrounding AG, as recommended by the Planning Commission, 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:

(REZ2001) Ordinance 2020-02 To change from (LDR) Low Density Residential to (RR) Rural Residential part of a parcel of land described as P.P. # 70-14-07-400-019, located at 8100 42nd Ave., 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: Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, Jason Minier, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch

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: _____, 2019

By _____
Richard VanderKlok
Georgetown Charter Township Clerk

#200323-08 - Hudsonville Public Schools Radio Project

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the placement of an antenna and repeater at the elevated water tank on Bauer Rd. as requested in the [letter](#) by Hudsonville Public Schools, as recommended by the Finance Committee, as long as it doesn't interfere with other Township operations anywhere or other providers at the tower site.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, Jason Minier, Becky Steele, John Schwalm,

Nays: Michael Bosch

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

#200323-09 - Meet Up and Eat Up at Maplewood Park

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Becky Steele, to approve the request from [Meet Up and Eat Up](#) to utilize the concession stand at Maplewood Park for the program as presented for a one year trial, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, Jason Minier, Becky Steele, John Schwalm,

Nays: Michael Bosch

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

#200323-10 - 2020 Parks Department Pick-up Truck

Moved by John Schwalm, seconded by Carol Scholma, to accept the [low bid](#) of \$28,887.00 from Barber Ford for the 2020 Parks Department pickup truck, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#200323-11 – Public Comment

There were public comments.

#200323-12 – Discussion and General information

The Superintendent updated the Board on the May election.

An unsolicited offer was received for the property located at 8420 48th Ave. Discussion took place. The consensus of the Board was to postpone further action due to the current economic situation.

[Buy Sell Agreement](#)
[Land comparisons](#)

#200323-13 – Impact on the Township of Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-21 (COVID 19)

The Superintendent asked for direction for compensating nonessential Township employees who are required to stay home and not come to work based on the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-21 and for compensating essential employees who are required to come to work during this State emergency.

Discussion took place.

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the following only for the time frame of the three weeks starting March 24, 2020 through April 13 as noted in the State of Michigan Executive Order 2020-21 (COVID 19), 2020:

1. To pay all full time and part time Township employees who are determined to be nonessential workers under the executive order and are required to stay home 100% of their current wages based on their regular work schedule.
2. To pay all full time and part time Township employees who are determined to be essential workers under the executive order and are required to work 100% of their current wages based on what they work, plus an additional 20% bonus of their current regular time wages because they are required to work during this State emergency.
3. To pay all essential full and part time Township employees 100% of their current wages based on their regular work schedule without deducting the hours from any sick benefits accrued, if any essential employees are absent due to experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, Becky Steele, John Schwalm

Nays: Michael Bosch

Absent: None

Abstained: Jason Minier

MOTION CARRIED.

#200323-14 - Meeting Adjourned

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Jason Minier, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jim Wierenga, Supervisor

Richard VanderKlok, Clerk