

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD MAY 18, 2020.**

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, Becky Steele, Jim Wierenga, John Schwalm and Michael Bosch. Dan Carlton, Township Superintendent, and Rod Weersing, Assistant Manager, were present via video conferencing, and members of the public were also present in the audience via video conferencing.

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, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, Jason Minier, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch

Also present: Daniel Carlton, Township Superintendent

Absent: None

**#200518-01 - Agenda as presented for May18, 2020**

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

Jim Wierenga added an item to the agenda related to the land on 48<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Bauer Rd.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#200518-02 - Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:**

- a. [March 2020 Sheriff's Report](#)
- b. [Balance Sheet](#) and [GL Report](#)

**#200518-03 – Public Hearing - Resolution Approving the Project Plan, Amendment to Project Plan and the Issuance of Bonds by the Economic Development Corporation for Sunset Manor, Inc. ([Resolution](#), [site plan](#), [amendment to project plan](#), [project plan](#))**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to open the public hearing.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

One member of the public was present but there were no comments were made.

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to close the public hearing.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Carol Scholma, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the [resolution](#), including approving the Project Plan, Amendment to Project Plan and the Issuance of Bonds by the Economic Development Corporation for Sunset Manor, Inc.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#200518-04 – Public Comments for items remaining on the agenda**

Members of the public were present but there were no public comments.

**#200518-05 - Consent agenda**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Becky Steele, to grant the following.

- a. Approval of minutes of the previous board meeting on April 27, 2020.
- b. Approval of the regular monthly [bills for May 18, 2020](#), including the [utility bills](#) and [visa bills](#).

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#200518-06 – Property at the Corner of Bauer Rd. and 48<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

There was discussion and it was clarified that the buyer would be responsible for the expense of installing sewer.

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Carol Scholma, to authorize the Superintendent to sell the property located at 8420 48<sup>th</sup> Ave., described as P.P. # 70-14-07-100-017, and to sign any and all related documents, for a price of \$150,000, less any normal expenses and real estate commission.

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

Nays: Michael Bosch

MOTION CARRIED.

### **#200518-07 – Public Comment**

Two people were present in the audience, but there were no public comments.

### **#200518-08 – Discussion and General information**

There was discussion about the [current phasing plan](#) for reopening the library, recognizing it could change.

The Board discussed whether they wanted to make changes to the normal splash pad opening schedule. No changes were made.

Carol Scholma stated that the Memorial Day service at the Georgetown township cemetery was planned. However, following the Governor's executive order prohibiting large gatherings and due to the fact that the Boy Scouts and the Jenison High School band play major roles in the service and would not have been able to prepare, the Memorial Day Service was cancelled.

Jim Wierenga presented the idea that the Township should consider purchasing the property for sale on 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. because it would make a nice connector between Woodcrest Park and Pioneer Park, and because most of the greenspace in the Township is being used for devilment.

### **#200518-09 - Meeting Adjourned**

Moved by Carol Scholma, seconded by Becky Steele, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Jim Wierenga, Supervisor

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Richard VanderKlok, Clerk