

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE **GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD** HELD OCTOBER 28, 2019.

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

Prayer for guidance by Richard VanderKlok

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

#191028-01 - Agenda as presented for October 28, 2019

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#191028-02 - Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:

- a. [September 23, 2019](#) Utilities Committee meeting minutes
- b. [August 2019](#) and [September 2019](#) Sheriff Department reports
- c. [September 25, 2019](#) Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes
- d. [October 2, 2019](#) Planning Commission meeting minutes
- e. [October 2019](#) JHA Newsletter
- f. JHA October 2019 [Treasurer Report](#) and September 2019 [minutes](#)
- g. [October 16, 2019](#) Planning Commission meeting minutes
- h. [October 23, 2019](#) Finance Committee meeting minutes
- i. [October 2019](#) Investment Report
- j. [Balance Sheet](#) and [GL Report](#)

#191028-03 – Public Comments for items remaining on the agenda

There were no public comments.

#191028-04 - Consent agenda

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

- a. Approval of minutes of the previous board meeting on September 23, 2019.
- b. Approval of the regular monthly [bills](#) for October 14, 2019, [utility bills](#) and [visa bills](#); and the regular monthly bills for [October 28, 2019](#).
- c. Approval of the Guideline [Resolution](#) for Poverty Exemption, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

- d. Approval to adopt the staff report as finding of fact and to grant tentative preliminary plat approval of the overall Preliminary Plat of **Sugar Maple Estates**, P.P. # 70-14-21-100-095, located at Sugar Maple Dr., zoned LDR, Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, as shown on the drawing dated 06/04/19, and with the following conditions, as recommended by the Planning Commission:
 - a) Building envelopes appear to meet ordinance requirements, but will be reviewed for exactness at the time a building permit application is submitted. Some lots are affected by a drainage easement or a detention basin and those are situations noted to be created by the developer and would be considered to be a self-created situation in case any variance requests are submitted in the future.
 - b) There shall be no plat entry sign.
 - c) Attached garages with a minimum of 400 square feet shall be provided.
 - d) Sidewalks will be provided by the individual property owner at the time a house is constructed.
([staff report](#), [plans](#) and [additional information](#))

- e. Approval of the [request](#) to extend tentative preliminary plat approval of Teton Farm for one year, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#191028-05 – 2020 Grand Rapids Press Legal Publication Rates

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to approve the [bid](#) from the [Grand Rapids Press](#) for publishing legal notices from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee noted a frustration with the huge increase in rates because the fees collected for applications which need legal notices published won't cover costs for publication. The fee schedule for applications will be reviewed and adjusted at the regular time next year. In addition, there are no other options to fulfill the requirement in the Zoning Enabling Act to publish legal notices.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#191028-06 – Public Comment

There were public comments.

#191028-07 – Discussion and General information

There was discussion about sidewalks/Non-Motorized Paths on Port Sheldon between 40th Ave. and 48th Ave. with a rough estimate of \$400,000 (plus any needed additional right-of-way) from the Ottawa County Road Commission for the addition of a 6 foot bike lane along the outside of the road. ([options](#))

There was discussion.

#191028-08 - Meeting Adjourned

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Becky Steele, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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

Nays: Michael Bosch

MOTION CARRIED.

Jim Wierenga, Supervisor

Richard VanderKlok, Clerk