



Georgetown Charter Township

1515 Baldwin St., Jenison, MI 49428

Utilities Committee Meeting Agenda

August 10, 2020, after Township Board meeting adjourns

1. THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE
OF THE GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDERS 2020-154 AND 2020-160**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby provided that, in order to comply with recommended guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Section I.1(a) of Executive Order 2020-154 issued by Governor Whitmer on July 17, 2020, amending the Open Meetings Act to allow a meeting of a public body to take place electronically, and pursuant to, Section 7.a(3) of Executive Order 2020-160 issue by Governor Whitmer on July 29, 2020, declaring indoor events among persons not part of a single household are permitted, but may not exceed 10 people, and in an effort to reduce the likelihood of spreading the Coronavirus (Covid-19), the Board of Trustees of Georgetown Township will conduct the August 10, 2020, Utilities Committee meeting via electronic means using ZOOM on-line video conferencing immediately following the 7 PM Township Board meeting.

The public may participate in the August 10, 2020, Utilities Committee meeting electronically via the following website address:
<HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/83667211904>

Detailed instructions for joining the video conference of the meeting and providing public comment via video conference are included below.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS FURTHER PROVIDED THAT, in order to comply with Executive Order 2020-160, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING AT THE GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP OFFICE IN-PERSON

In all other respects, the August 10, 2020 Utilities Committee meeting will be held in accordance with Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

Email addresses for Utilities Committee members are:

John Schwalm – SCHWALM.GEORGETOWN@GMAIL.COM

Becky Steele – BSTEELE.GEORGETOWN@GMAIL.COM

Jason Minier – JASONMICHAELMINIER@HOTMAIL.COM

This notice was posted at the Township Office on August 7, 2020 at approximately 12:00 p.m. and on the Township's website, WWW.GEORGETOWN-MI.GOV, on August 7, 2020 at approximately 12:00 p.m.

To join the Utilities Committee meeting follow these instructions:

When: August 10, 2020, immediately following the Township Board meeting

Topic: Utilities Committee Meeting

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/83667211904](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83667211904)

Or iPhone one-tap :

US: +13126266799,,83667211904# or +19292056099,,83667211904#

Or Telephone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782

Webinar ID: 836 6721 1904

For those needing TTY Service, please contact Michigan Relay Services at 7-1-1 and provide them with one of the phone numbers above as well as the Webinar ID.

Members of the public will be given the option to provide comment during the Public Comment portion of the agenda. Those interested in providing comment will simply need to utilize the raise hand option at the appropriate time. To utilize the Raise Hand feature, follow these steps:

Those that have joined electronically: Click on Participants on the Control Panel at the bottom of the screen. The Raise Hand feature will be available in the lower right corner of the Participants box.

Those that have joined by phone: Push *9

2. Call To Order
3. Roll Call
4. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Previous Meeting

4.I. May 18, 2020 Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Documents:

[WS200518MINUTES.PDF](#)

5. Review Options To Add Sidewalk Or Paved Bike Lane To Cottonwood From Bauer Road To Taylor Street

Some options for consideration:

- Residents Pay for Sidewalk Installation
- Notify Residents of Option to Petition for Sidewalk Installation (Creating an opportunity for residents to finance the cost)
- Township Cover Cost for Paved Bike Lane Installation
- Township Cover Cost for Sidewalk Installation in Exchange for Additional Right of Way

Documents:

[ESTIMATES FROM ROAD COMMISSION.PDF](#)

6. Communications, Letters And Reports

6.I. Jerry Elders Email

Documents:

[JERRY ELDERS EMAIL.PDF](#)

7. Public Comment

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING 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: Jason Minier, Becky Steele, John Schwalm. Dan Carlton, Township Superintendent, and Rod Weersing, Assistant Manager, were present via video conferencing, and one member of the public was also present in the audience via video conferencing.

The meeting was called to order after the Township Board meeting adjourned.

Present: Jason Minier, John Schwalm and Becky Steele, members, Dan Carlton, Township Superintendent
Absent: None

#200518-01 - Minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by Jason Minier, to approve the Utilities Committee minutes as presented.

Yeas: Jason Minier, John Schwalm and Becky Steele
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#200518-02 – Discuss Cottonwood Widening from Bauer Road to Taylor Street

There was discussion and the committee asked for more information.

#200518-03 – Sidewalk Waiver Request

Moved by Jason Minier, seconded by Becky Steele, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the sidewalk waiver [request](#) for [4200 Chicago Dr.](#)

Yeas: Jason Minier, John Schwalm and Becky Steele
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#200518-04 – Communications, letters and reports

#200518-05 – Public Comment

There were no public comments.

#200518-06 – Other Business

#200518-07 – Adjournment

Moved by Jason Minier, seconded by Becky Steele, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Yeas: Jason Minier, Becky Steele, John Schwalm

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

From: Brett Laughlin <BALaughlin@ottawacorc.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Rod Weersing <rweersing@georgetown-mi.gov>
Subject: Estimates - Cottonwood Drive

Good Afternoon Rod,

The following summarizes the estimates you requested for the next phase of improvements to Cottonwood Drive.

6 foot paved shoulders - \$475,000
5 foot concrete sidewalk - \$450,000

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thanks.

Brett Laughlin
Managing Director
Ottawa County Road Commission
(616) 850-7204

Dan on another issue Georgetown Township side walks are sorely needed on 16th ,off Van Buren, people are walking on the road, which is dangerous, there are on given days 50 or more people out walking. The township did Edson , which is very helpful, but I see no progress on 16th. How about a paved walk next to road on one side and mailboxes on the other side of road, this will save their landscaping! I assume that is their complaint! Or maybe just dollars?

Jerry Elders