



## Georgetown Charter Township

1515 Baldwin St., Jenison, MI 49428

### Utilities Committee Meeting Agenda

**September 14, 2020, after Township Board meeting adjourns**

1. Notice Of Public Meeting Via Electronic Means

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 2020-176

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 6.a(2) of Executive Order 2020-176 issue by Governor Whitmer on September 3, 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 September 14, 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 September 14, 2020, Utilities Committee meeting electronically via the following website address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87408373178>

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 2020-176, 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 September 14, 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](mailto:schwalm.georgetown@gmail.com)

Becky Steele – [bsteele.georgetown@gmail.com](mailto:bsteele.georgetown@gmail.com)

Jason Minier – [jasonmichaelminier@hotmail.com](mailto:jasonmichaelminier@hotmail.com)

This notice was posted at the Township Office on September 11, 2020 at approximately 12:00 p.m. and on the Township's website, [www.georgetown-mi.gov](http://www.georgetown-mi.gov), on September 11, 2020 at approximately 12:00 p.m.

To join the Utilities Committee meeting follow these instructions:

When: September 14, 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/87408373178>

Or iPhone one-tap :

US: +13126266799,,87408373178# or +19292056099,,87408373178#

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: 874 0837 3178

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. Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes Of August 10, 2020

Documents:

[WS200810MINUTES.PDF](#)

5. Sidewalk Waiver Request For 44th St., Property Identified As 303 Wisner.

Note: Below is an excerpt of the Utilities Committee meeting minutes of June 24, 2019 and of the Township Board meeting minutes of July 22, 2019.

#### **#190624-04 – Sidewalk Waiver Request for 44<sup>th</sup> St.**

There was discussion, including the following. This again was an area where the committee previously determined that sidewalk should be installed. In the past when the sidewalk requirement was waived with the condition that it be added in the future when there was more sidewalk to connect to, it ended up that sidewalk was never installed because everyone said that it would be the sidewalk going nowhere. A Board goal was to have more sidewalks and paths to provide more walkability. The committee should be consistent.

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by Jason Minier, to recommend to the Township Board to deny the sidewalk waiver [REQUEST](#) for 44<sup>th</sup> St. on property identified as 303 Wisner.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#190722-07 – Sidewalk Waiver for 303 Wisner on 44<sup>th</sup> St.**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to uphold the denial of the [SIDEWALK WAIVER REQUEST](#) for 44<sup>th</sup> St. on property identified as 303 Wisner, as recommended by the Utilities Committee, because this is an area previously identified by the committee as a board goal to create pedestrian friendly streets.

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

Nays: Michael Bosch

MOTION CARRIED.

Documents:

[SIDEWALK WAIVER REQUEST.PDF](#)

6. 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 addition Right of Way

Documents:

[ESTIMATES FROM ROAD COMMISSION.PDF](#)

7. Communications, Letters And Reports

7.I. Mulder Email Request For Paved Shoulder

Documents:

[MULDER EMAIL.PDF](#)

7.II. Sheets Email

Documents:

[SHEETS EMAIL.PDF](#)

8. Public Comment
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AUGUST 10, 2020**

Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-154 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

### **#200810-01 - Minutes of the May 18, 2020 meeting**

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

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **#200810-02 – Review Options to Add Sidewalk or Paved Bike Lane to Cottonwood from Bauer Road to Taylor Street**

There was discussion and the committee directed that this be placed on a future agenda.

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

[Estimates](#)

### **#200810-03 – Communications, letters and reports**

[Jerry Elders email](#)

### **#200810-04 – Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**#200810-05 – Other Business**

**#200810-06 – Adjournment**

Moved by Jason Minier, seconded by Becky Steele, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Yeas: Jason Minier, Becky Steele, John Schwalm

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## APPLICATION FOR SIDEWALK WAIVER

Georgetown Charter Township  
 1515 Baldwin St, P.O. Box 769  
 Jenison, MI 49429  
 616-457-2340

revised: January 26, 2009

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

COMPANY NAME: Baar & Lichterman, PLLC		PHONE: 616-965-2221
APPLICANT NAME: Joel W. Baar		
ADDRESS: 3140 Division Ave. SW, Suite A	CITY / STATE / ZIP: Grandville, MI 49418	

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

COMPANY NAME: RET Holdings, LLC		PHONE: 616-534-2552
OWNER / AGENT NAME: Rex Troost		TITLE: Member
ADDRESS: 303 Wisner (now 44th St.)	CITY / STATE / ZIP: Grandville, MI 49418	
PARCEL NUMBER: 70-14-25-200-16	ZONING DISTRICT: LDR	
USE OF THE PROPERTY: vacant land		

### WAIVER INFORMATION

SECTION 6 OF ORDINANCE 2000-01 STATES "THE TOWNSHIP MAY WAIVE THE SIDEWALK REQUIREMENT IF, IN THE OPINION OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD, REQUIREMENT WOULD RESULT IN UNFAIRNESS OR UNREASONABLE HARDSHIP." PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION AS TO HOW YOUR REQUEST MEETS THIS STIPULATION OR INFORMATION AS TO WHY THIS ORDINANCE SHOULD BE WAIVED FOR YOUR SITUATION. THE APPLICANT MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST, SUCH AS PICTURES OR SITE PLANS.

The sidewalk requirement would result in unfairness or unreasonable hardship as there are no properties on the north side of 44th street between Kenowa Avenue and 8th Avenue that have sidewalks, nor is it likely that Sunnybrook Golf Course will ever be required to have sidewalks along 44th Street. Due to elevation change, the cost of installing a sidewalk on this property is cost-prohibited. There is also a sidewalk at the south side of 44th street.

### APPLICANT SIGNATURE

IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE IN ALL RESPECTS AND TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR APPROVAL. COPIES OF THE ORDINANCE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP WEBSITE AT WWW.GEORGETOWN-MI.GOV. THE APPLICATION SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE AS ESTABLISHED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD. THE REQUEST WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE UTILITIES/FACILITIES COMMITTEE FOR A RECOMMENDATION PRIOR TO APPEARING ON THE GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD AGENDA. BY SIGNING I ACKNOWLEDGE THERE ARE NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASONS.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: 	DATE: 8-24-2020
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### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING:	APPROVED/DENIED:	ANY CONDITIONS:
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**From:** Brett Laughlin <[BALaughlin@ottawacorc.com](mailto:BALaughlin@ottawacorc.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 11:54 AM  
**To:** Rod Weersing <[rweersing@georgetown-mi.gov](mailto: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

**From:** Jeff Mulder <[Jeff@vmde.com](mailto:Jeff@vmde.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 12:21 PM  
**To:** Daniel Carlton <[dcarlton@georgetown-mi.gov](mailto:dcarlton@georgetown-mi.gov)>  
**Subject:** 14th Avenue from 44th St to Ponstein

Hi Dan,

You and I have traded emails in the past regarding 14<sup>th</sup> Street and the extension of the asphalt path around Georgetown Shores. In prior emails you mentioned getting signatures of residents, the cost, etc.

After seeing what was done on Port Sheldon's resurfacing, what was done there would be a big improvement – we already have a 5 foot shoulder on 14<sup>th</sup>; it's just dirt and stones. Would it be so difficult to pave that? That would give every resident of Julie / Joseph / Sunflower Way and Craig Way at least something you can push a stroller on so you can get to the asphalt path by Ponstein.

It's still walking next to a road where people drive 60 but at least it could be done. Pushing a stroller through the gravel isn't easy.

Also – who would I contact to find out about the plans of the Gleneagle driving range that was closed? I'm on the board of Gleneagle West and everyone on Joseph wants to know what's going on. Right now is just a place to grow weeds, evidently! We thought Joe Byker was planning on building condos there and we're wondering if anyone knows what those plans are.

Thanks,

**Jeff Mulder**  
**5945 Julie St**  
**Hudsonville, MI**

**From:** Gerda Sheets [<mailto:gerdasheets@iserv.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:44 PM  
**To:** Contact <[contact@georgetown-mi.gov](mailto:contact@georgetown-mi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Please put a crosswalk on Cottonwood Drive

**Please, please, please consider putting a Crosswalk on Cottonwood. Neighborhoods on both sides of Cottonwood Drive need safe access to be able to use the new bike trail and Maplewood Park. Since Cottonwood has been widened to 5 Lanes, it should be highly considered to put a much needed posted crosswalk near 10<sup>th</sup> Ave or Elmwood Street.**

**I am a walker and want to safely cross Cottonwood to access Maplewood Park at a much closer spot than having to walk all the way down to Baldwin.**

**Your attention to this request will be greatly appreciated.**

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