

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE **GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD** HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2022.

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

Prayer for guidance by Gary Veldink

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

Members present: Jim Wierenga, Ryan Kidd Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch, Kirsten Manthei

Also present: Robert Blichok, Township Superintendent

Absent: None

**#220912-01 - Agenda as presented for September 12, 2022**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Becky Steele, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#220912-02 – Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:**

- a. [July 2022](#) Fire Department Monthly Report
- b. [August 17, 2022](#) Planning Commission meeting minutes
- c. [July 2022](#) Sheriff Department Report
- d. [August 22, 2022](#) Services Committee meeting minutes
- e. [August 24, 2022](#) Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes

**#220912-03 – Public Comments for items remaining on the agenda**

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

**#220912-04 - Consent agenda**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by John Schwalm, to grant the following.

- a. Approval of minutes of the previous board meeting on [August 22, 2022](#).
- b. Approval of the regular [monthly bills for September 12, 2022](#).
- c. Approval of the Final Preliminary (construction) Plat of Hidden Lake West No. 2 ([application](#), [plat plan](#), [OCRC approval](#), [OCWRC approval](#), [EGLE conditional approval](#))
- d. Approval of the Final Preliminary (construction) Plat of Edson Farm ([application](#), [plat plan](#), [OCRC approval](#), [OCWRC approval](#), [EGLE conditional approval](#))
- e. Approval of the Final Plat of Hidden Lake West No. 1 ([application](#), [plat map](#), [block grading plan](#))

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#220912-05 - Tentatively Adopt the 2022 Budget and Schedule a Public Hearing**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the [resolution](#) (with tentative budget) to tentatively adopt the 2023 budget and to schedule a public hearing for September 26, 2022. ([tax rate request](#), [budget](#))

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Becky Steele, to amend the proposed 2023 Budget with an increase of 6% to each departments Salaries and Wages category, and the related line items, to be used for additional wage increases for hourly and salaried staff, but excluding the Township Board and the Superintendent.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Ryan Kidd, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm,  
Kirsten Manthei  
Nays: Michael Bosch  
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Michael Bosch, seconded by Kirsten Manthei, to amend the proposed Township Millage Rate from 2.25% to 2.00%.

Yeas: Michael Bosch, Kirsten Manthei, Ryan Kidd  
Nays: Jim Wierenga, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm  
Absent: None

MOTION NOT CARRIED.

Original motion as amended:

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Ryan Kidd, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm  
Nays: Michael Bosch, Kirsten Manthei  
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**#220912-06 – Public Comment**

There were public comments made.

**#220912-07 – Discussion and General information**

Discussion took place.

**#220912-08 – Closed Session to Discuss Confidential Attorney Opinion Related to Stormwater Regulatory Ordinance**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Kirsten Manthei, to go to Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss an Attorney-Client privileged memorandum from the Township Attorney.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by John Schwalm, seconded by Ryan Kidd, to go to open session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#220912-09 - Meeting Adjourned**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Becky Steele, to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Jim Wierenga, Supervisor

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Ryan Kidd, Clerk