

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 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: Richard VanderKlok, Jason Minier, Becky Steele, Jim Wierenga, John Schwalm, Carol Scholma 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 John Schwalm

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

#200914-01 - Agenda as presented for September 14, 2020

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

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Becky Steele, to amend the agenda to move the two Closed Sessions to the end of the agenda.

Amendment: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Original Motion: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#200914-02 - Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:

- a. [August 19, 2020](#) Mining Board minutes
- b. [August 19, 2020](#) Planning Commission meeting minutes
- c. [July 2020](#) Sheriff Report
- d. [September 2, 2020](#) Planning Commission meeting minutes
- e. [July 31, 2020](#) Balance Sheet
- f. [July 31, 2020](#) General Ledger Report

#200914-03 - Public Hearing and Consideration of 2021 Budget

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Carol Scholma, to open the public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No public comments were made.

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by John Schwalm, to close the public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Carol Scholma, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to adopt the [resolution](#) for the 2021 Budget.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, Jason Minier, Becky Steele,
John Schwalm, Michael Bosch
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#200914-04 – Public Comments for items remaining on the agenda

There were members of the public in attendance, but there were no public comments.

#200914-05 - Consent agenda

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

- a. Approval of minutes of the previous board meeting on August 10, 2020.
- b. Approval of the regular bills for [August 21, 2020](#), regular bills for [September 11, 2020](#), the [utility bills](#), and [visa bills](#).
- c. Approval of the Final Plat of Two Oaks ([plat map](#), [application](#), [LOC](#))
- d. Approval of the [request](#) to extend tentative preliminary plat approval of Eagles Ridge No. 2 for one year (final preliminary approval was granted on March 11, 2019), as recommended by the Finance Committee.
- e. Approval to move Precinct 11 polling location, Waterford Place, to Grace Bible Fellowship Church.
- f. Approval of the [items](#) to be transferred to the Tax Roll.
- g. Approval to purchase [6 iPads](#) for Fire Engines and to set up cellular service and enroll the devices in Active 911.
- h. Approval of the purchase of [equipment](#) to outfit the two new Fire Engines that are currently in production.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#200914-06 – (REZ2004) Ordinance 2020-05 To change from (CS) Community Service Commercial to (I) Industrial, a parcel of land described as P.P. # 70-14-13-427-011, located at 7560 River Ave., Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Michigan ([submittal material](#))

**Georgetown Charter Township
Ottawa County, Michigan
(Ordinance No. 2020-05)**

At a regular meeting of the Georgetown Charter Township Board held via ZOOM Online Conferencing on September 14, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m., Township Board Member Richard VanderKlok made a motion to adopt this Ordinance because the proposed zoning designation is **consistent** with the language of the Master Plan; the area is **capable** of sustaining the uses within the Industrial district without addition public funds; the uses allowed within the Industrial district are **compatible** with the neighboring uses, as recommended by the Planning Commission, and to adopt the [staff report](#) as finding of fact, which motion was seconded by Township Board Member Carol Scholma:

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, AND MAP**

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GEORGETOWN (the “Township”) ORDAINS:

ARTICLE 1. The map of the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(REZ2004) Ordinance 2020-05 To change from (CS) Community Service Commercial to (I) Industrial a parcel of land described as P.P. # 70-14-13-427-011, located at 7560 River Ave., Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Michigan.

Except as expressly modified by the above, the balance of the Zoning Map of the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 2. Severability. In the event that any one or more sections, provisions, phrases, or words of this Ordinance shall be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity or the enforceability of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases, or other words of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE 3. Except as specified above, the balance of the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, and map shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 4. Effective Date. The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of publication of this Ordinance or a summary of its provisions in accordance with the law.

The vote in favor of adopting this Ordinance was as follows:

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, Michael Bosch, John Schwalm, Jason Minier, Becky Steele
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by Georgetown Charter Township Board at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: _____, 2019

By _____
Richard VanderKlok
Georgetown Charter Township Clerk

#200914-07 –Change the color of the letters to white at the Baldwin Entrance

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, Seconded by Carol Scholma, to approve the repainting of the letters on the wall at the Baldwin Entrance, located at 60 Baldwin Street across from the Water Treatment Plant, to White.

[White Letters Picture](#)
[White Letters Quote](#)

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, John Schwalm, Jason Minier, Becky Steele
Nays: Michael Bosch
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

#200914-08 –Acceptance of Cares Act Funding

Moved by Jim Wierenga, Seconded by Carol Scholma, to approve the acceptance of the Cares Act Funding from the State of Michigan.

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

Nays: Michael Bosch
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

#200914-09 – Purchase of Floodplain Credits for Baldwin Entrance

Moved by Carol Scholma, Seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the purchase of floodplain credits for the Baldwin Entrance project.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, John Schwalm, Jason Minier, Becky Steele
Nays: Michael Bosch
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

#200914-10 – Public Comment

There were public comments.

#200914-11 – Discussion and General information

Discussion took place.

#200914-12 – Closed Session to Discuss Possible Property Acquisition as well as the Superintendent’s Evaluation

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to go to Closed Session to discuss possible property acquisition as well as the Superintendent’s evaluation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Jason Minier, seconded by Becky Steele, to return to Open Session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#200914-13 - Meeting Adjourned

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Becky Steele, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, Jason Minier, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jim Wierenga, Supervisor

Richard VanderKlok, Clerk