

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD JANUARY 25, 2021.

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, Ryan Kidd, Katherine Henry, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch

Also present: Daniel Carlton, Township Superintendent

Absent: None

#210125-01 - Agenda as presented for January 25, 2021

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Becky Steele, to amend the motion as follows: to pull the bills from the consent agenda; to add an item for an update from Luke Meerman; and to add an item for virtual participation at Board meetings.

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#210125-02 – Fire Presentation

#210125-03 - Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:

- a. [January 6, 2021](#) Planning Commission meeting minutes
- b. [December 9, 2020](#) Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes
- c. [Letter](#) from Sprint and T Mobile to not renew contract
- d. [Letter from Joe Byker](#) requesting the Planning Commission to table his PUD revision and rezoning application for Fairway Estates Limited Partnership at the January 6, 2021 meeting.
- e. [2020 Building](#) Report
- f. [Fourth Quarter 2020](#) Investment Report
- g. [January 18, 2021](#) Finance Committee meeting minutes
- h. [Balance Sheets for 11/30/20](#) and [12/31/20](#) and [GL Reports for 11/30/20](#) and [12/31/20](#)

#210125-04 – Public Comments for items remaining on the agenda

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

#210125-05 - Consent agenda

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Becky Steele, to grant the following.

- a. Approval of minutes of the previous board meeting on December 14, 2020.
- b. Approval of the final preliminary (construction) plat of Alward Estates No. 5 ([plat map](#)).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#210125-06 – Monthly Bills

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the regular monthly bills for [December 25, 2020](#), bills for [January 8, 2021](#), bills for [January 15, 2021](#), the [visa bills](#) and the [utility bills](#).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#210125-07 – Presentation by Luke Meerman, State House of Representatives

#210125-08 – (REZ2101) (Ordinance 2021-01) To change from (RR) Rural Residential to (LDR) Low Density Residential a parcel of land described as P.P. # 70-14-18-100-001, located at 7900 48th Ave, Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Michigan. ([staff report](#), [application](#))

**Georgetown Charter Township
Ottawa County, Michigan
(Ordinance No. 2021-01)**

At a regular meeting of the Georgetown Charter Township Board held at the Township offices on January 25, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Township Board Member Gary Veldink made a motion to adopt this Ordinance because the proposed zoning designation is **consistent** with the Master plan and the Future Land Use Map for the area; the area is **capable** of sustaining the uses within the LDR district without additional public funds; the uses allowed within the LDR district are **compatible** with the neighboring uses and to adopt the staff report as finding of fact, which motion was seconded by Township Board Member John Schwalm:

**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:

(REZ2101) (Ordinance 2021-01) To change from (RR) Rural Residential to (LDR) Low Density Residential a parcel of land described as P.P. # 70-14-18-100-001, located at 7900 48th 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 after the adoption 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, Ryan Kidd, Katherine Henry, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch

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: _____, 2021

By _____
Ryan Kidd
Georgetown Charter Township Clerk

#210125-09 – (REZ2102) (Ordinance 2021-02) To change from (HDR) High Density Residential to (NS) Neighborhood Service Commercial part of a parcel of land described as P.P. # 70-10-31-200-040, located at 10255 42nd Ave, Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Michigan. ([staff report](#), [application](#))

**Georgetown Charter Township
Ottawa County, Michigan
(Ordinance No. 2021-02)**

At a regular meeting of the Georgetown Charter Township Board held at the Township offices on January 25, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Township Board Member Gary Veldink made a motion to adopt this Ordinance because the proposed zoning designation is **consistent** with the Master plan and the Future Land Use Map for the area; the area is **capable** of sustaining the uses within the NS district without additional public funds; the uses allowed within the NS district are **compatible** with the neighboring uses and to adopt the staff report as finding of fact, which motion was seconded by Township Board Member Becky Steele:

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

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

ARTICLE 2. The map of the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(REZ2102) (Ordinance 2021-02) To change from (HDR) High Density Residential to (NS) Neighborhood Service Commercial part of a parcel of land described as P.P. # 70-10-31-200-040, located at 10255 42nd 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.

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ARTICLE 5. Effective Date. The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of publication after the adoption 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, Ryan Kidd, Katherine Henry, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Dated: _____, 2021

By _____
 Ryan Kidd
 Georgetown Charter Township Clerk

#210125-10 – General Liability Insurance Quote

There was discussion.

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the general liability insurance [quote](#), as recommended by the Finance Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#210125-11 – Virtual Participation at Board Meetings

There was discussion.

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve live streaming the Township Board meetings through Zoom beginning with the next meeting, with the option provided for public comments to be made virtually.

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to amend the motion to include the timeframe as the duration of the pandemic until the Ottawa County Health Department does not require masks and social distancing.

The motion to amend was withdrawn.

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to amend the motion to include the duration to be as long as the Ottawa County Health Department requires masks and social distancing, and to revisit this very three months.

It was noted that this is to continue only during the pandemic and is related to Covid.

Vote for motion to amend:

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

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.

Vote for motion as amended:

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

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

#210125-12 – Public Comment

There were public comments.

#210125-13 – Discussion and General information

There was board discussion.

#210125-14 - Meeting Adjourned

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Becky Steele, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jim Wierenga, Supervisor

Ryan Kidd, Clerk