CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GENESEE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Eashoo.
All present gave Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Present: Eashoo, Watters, Gerace, Witte, Duplanty, Sorensen and Bock
Also present: 35 guests

Moved by Gerace supported by Watters to approve the agenda with the correction of removing Item I under Supervisor. No discussion. Vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Gerace supported by Bock to approve the minutes of September 8, 2026, board meeting without corrections. No discussion. Vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None
PRESENTATIONS:
Racer property representative Patricia (last name unknown) and Steve Black stated that the Coldwater Rd. property that was previously owned by GM has been owned by Racer Trust since 2011. They stated that Racer Trust has 2 objectives for this property. 1. Clean up. 2. To get this property back on the tax base. Racer Trust obtained a grant from the Detroit Public Partnership to do environmental studies on this property with the results possibly by the end of the year or early 2027. The property will then be rated and marketed as an Industrial site. Any future developments will be evaluated and will be guided to meet 6-point criteria before any sale.

Genesee County Drain Commission – Water and Waste Division -John O'Brien stated that GCDC operates the water and waste for all municipalities in the County. The last increase was in 2021. Expenses are track for the year with a 3% increase each year. PFA's are toxic and can no longer be spread onto farm fields. They must now be disposed of it in landfills. This has increased our cost by 25% with a 50% increase in treatment chemicals. The proposed increase would go from $33.25 per resident to $39 and this rate would be locked in for 5 years. We have been hit hard with inflation and one project that we are working on right now has $500,000 in tariff fees. Watters asked if all the municipalities in the County would see this increase. O'Brien stated yes, all 34 municipalities. Eashoo asked how did you come up with the increase. O'Brien stated this will be a 3% increase moving forward. Gerace asked when this new rate would take effect. O'Brien stated January 2, 2027.

*PUBLIC COMMENTS: Supervisor Eashoo reminded all present that public comments are limited to 3 minutes on agenda items only.
Township resident – Tom Kehoe stated that he was here to comment on Item O. He stated no resources were used and no ticket was issued for an illegal burn. He felt that the Township was double dipping, theft, extorsion by sending his mother and the renter a recovery fine for the illegal burn. He submitted a FOIA request for the incident. He wants the policy changed.

CLERK

Moved by Duplanty supported by Sorensen to approve Resolution 26-11 – Increasing the Building and Zoning Fee Schedule. Discussion held. Eashoo stated that no rate increase has been done since 2019. The rates are still lower than most municipalities. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Gerace supported by Bock to approve Resolution 26-12 – Genesee County parks Fireworks display at Bluebell Beach to be held on November 27, 2026. Discussion held. Watters asked Fire Chief Fremd if the Fire Department would be on site. Chief Fremd replied yes, I just need to know what time. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Gerace supported by Duplanty to approve Resolution 26-13 – Crim & Crossroads Village 5K ½ Marathon on October 24, 2026. Discussion held. Eashoo stated that Genesee Rd will be closed over the bridge. Duplanty stated that the Parks and the Sheriff department will handle road closures. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Witte supported by Sorensen to approve opening of sealed bids for the sale of Township owned property located at 5036 E. Frances Rd. Parcel 11-02-100-015. Supervisor Eashoo recused himself. No discussion. Roll call vote. Yes -6 No – 0 Abstain – 1 Motion carried. Clerk Watters opened 3 sealed bids. 1. Karin Allen $10,050. 2. Kimberly Donovan $7,100. Daniel Eashoo $8,550.

Moved by Witte supported by Sorensen to approve the sale of Township owned property located at 5036 E. Frances Rd. Parcel 11-02-100-015 to the highest bidder Karin Allen in the amount of $10,050. No discussion. Roll call vote. Yes - 6 No - 0 Abstain – 1 Supervisor Eashoo abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Moved by Gerace supported by Bock to approve Used Car License for the property located at 1314 E. Coldwater Rd. Owner James Collins. Permit expiring on October 31, 2027. No discussion. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Gerace supported by Witte to approve Trick or Treat hours on October 31, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Discussion held. Watters stated his concerns with ending at 8 p.m. He felt that it was too dark. Chief Hart agreed that it gets dark early and was concerned about the safety of the kids walking the roads. Duplanty suggested changing the hours to 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. next year. Eashoo suggested keeping it 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. this year and revisit this next year. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR

Moved by Gerace supported by Bock to approve the first reading of Ordinance #647 – Rezoning of vacant land on Stanley Rd. Parcels 11-08-400-008 and 11-08-400-009 from A-R Agricultural/Residential to R-2 Single Family/2 Family Residential. Discussion held. Eashoo asked if this was the property that was donated to the cemetery. Watters stated no, this property is the 2 lots next to it. Bock stated that the reason for the re-zoning is that the owners want to build homes on these lots and in order to meet the setbacks it needs to be zoned R-2. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bock supported by Watters to approve the first reading of Ordinance #646 – A moratorium on the acceptance of applications, permits or other requests for Data Centers within the Charter Township of Genesee, hereby partially suspending Ordinance 603 with regards to Data Centers only. Discussion held. Witte asked what brought this on? Eashoo stated that there was some interest in bringing a Data Center into the Township. Witte asked if there was anything in the Zoning Ordinance regarding Data Centers? Eashoo stated no. The moratorium is only for 6 months. Roll call vote. Yes- 6 No -1 Motion carried.

Moved by Gerace supported by Watters to approve the second reading of Ordinance #644 – Rezoning of a portion of 6524 N. Dort Hwy parcel 11-17-100-050 that has been split off and will be added to 2056 E. Stanley Rd. The split off portion is currently zoned C-2 Highway Commercial and needs to be rezoned to R-1 Single Family Residential. No discussion. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bock supported by Duplanty to approve the second reading of Ordinance #645 – Rezoning of a portion of 2056 E. Stanley Rd. parcel 11-17-100-049 that has been split off and will be added to 6524 N. Dort Hwy. The split off portion is currently zoned R-1 Single Family Residential and needs to be rezoned to C-2 Highway Commercial. No discussion. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Duplanty supported by Watters to approve invoice from Waldorf & Sons in the amount of $4,050 for a power outage at pump station #11. Discussion held. Watters asked when the power outage was. Duplanty replied May 18th and 19th. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Duplanty supported by Gerace to approve invoice from Waldorf & Sons in the amount of $4,000 for a power outage at pump station #4. No discussion. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Gerace supported by Duplanty to approve invoice from Waldorf & Sons in the amount of $4,400 for a power outage at pump station #17. No discussion. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Gerace supported by Duplanty to approve repair invoice on Pierce Fire Truck at Station #2 in the amount of $3,241.74. Discussion held. Eashoo replied this invoice was to repair the DEF and a coolant repair on the truck. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Gerace supported by Watters to approve C & B Air Compressors LLC invoice in the amount of $4,671.36 for GTFD Station #1. Discussion held. Eashoo stated that this was the installation of the air refrigeration dryer and filters. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Gerace supported by Watters to approve hiring Tyler Haubenstricker (present) as a Firefighter at GTFD Station #1 pending passing of pre-employment qualifications effective 10-13-26. No discussion. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Gerace supported by Duplanty to approve the hiring of Elijah Moses (not present- in training) as a Firefighter for Station #1 pending passing of pre-employment qualifications effective 10-13-26. No discussion. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Gerace supported by Watters to approve the hiring of Joshua O'Connor (not present- in training) as a Firefighter for Station #1 pending passing of pre-employment qualifications effective 10-13-26. Discussion held. Gerace asked if they were certified. Chief Fremd stated that Josh is Elijah is not. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Duplanty supported by Watters to approve the hiring of Bradley Wray (not present) as a Firefighter for Station #1 pending passing of pre-employment qualifications effective 10-13-26. Discussion held. Gerace asked about the addresses where these men live. Chief Fremd stated that they are EMT's and certified with Patriot. They will be on staff at the fire department. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the $500 fine received by Mr. Darrell Taber for an unauthorized burn located at 7176 N. Genesee Rd. Mr. Taber is requesting the fine be removed. Moved by Gerace supported by Watters to discuss removing the fine. Discussion held. Duplanty stated the Chief mentioned last month that this person has already received a couple of warnings about burning improper things like trash. I understand that we did not have the fire truck out or men ride with that fire truck. It did have personnel that took a vehicle out. That's what the person in charge does. They go first. I am not sure if just eliminating it, there's been warnings. I would think, in my mind, why give warnings if you are not going to take the warnings and then when you get a ticket, you still want another warning. I am all for doing some kind of reduction because we don't have personnel in the truck, wear and tear, so, that is my discussion. Eashoo asked Mr. Sorensen when we send letters out, do we send a letter to the renter if it is one that is being rented, and the owners. Sorensen stated, correct, we send it out to both parties that way the owner of the property doesn't get an unexpected hike in their taxes at the end of the year if the fine is not paid. I have informed the resident about this multiple times. They have chosen to misrepresent themselves frequently in front of the Board. Gerace asked if the resolution is to remove it

completely, correct? Eashoo that is what we have unless there is another motion on the table. Watters stated that maybe we should consider a reduction in this. Has this individual pulled his burn permit, Mr. Taber? Eashoo stated he has not. Duplanty when I asked today there has not been a burning permit issued. Sorensen stated that he did destroy the burn pit that he was using on the property. He filled it in. Duplanty stated that that shows he is doing something. Watters – I wouldn't have a problem with considering a reduction in the fine. Eashoo stated that we have to have it in a motion. Moved by Watters to make a reduction in the fine to $250. That is what we have done in the past. We usually cut it in half. That is reasonable. Eashoo stated that we have a motion on the floor that we reduce the fine for Mr. Taber to $250. He is the renter of 7176 N. Genesee Rd. Dulanty asked if we need to eliminate the first motion. Eashoo stated yes. Watters stated so that if we are going to reduce the fine amount to Mr. Taber, who is the renter and is the cause of this, I think we should eliminate that other notice to the homeowner. Sorensen stated that there is only one. They are the same. They are just written in two different names so that all parties get notified. There is only one ticket. Watters – so, this is the only person that will be affected by it. Sorensen stated correct. The property has the ticket, not the individual. Watters asked if that was just for notification purposes? They have a renter that violated the burn permit. Sorensen – correct. So, if the renter doesn't pay it will show up on their taxes and then they will have no idea why. That's why I send it to both. Duplanty – so, there is no intentional double dipping. Sorensen – no, there is no double dipping as I explained to both parties' multiple times. Eashoo – who made the first motion? Atty. Stoltman stated that it is a motion to amend the original motion. Eashoo – we have a motion to amend the fine/reduction to $250 from $500. Witte supported this motion. No discussion. Roll call vote. Yes – 5 No -2 Motion carried. Atty. Stoltman stated that this was just the motion to amend the initial motion. Eashoo – correct. Atty. Stoltman – so now, there was a motion on the floor. Mr. Watters amended that motion to reduce it to $250. So now there should be a vote on to approve the motion. Eashoo – so, we need to go through a motion again. Stoltman – correct. Eashoo – I need a motion for the reduction of the fine for 7176 N. Genesee Rd. to Mr. Taber in the amount of $250. Duplanty – the fine is reduced from$500 to $250. Eashoo – yes. Moved by Watters supported by Duplanty to reduce the fine from $500 to $250. Roll call vote. Yes -5 No -2 Motion carried.

TREASURER

Moved by Sorensen supported by Duplanty to approve bill list and presentation of financial statement. No discussion. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

FIRE — Duplanty presented report

POLICE COMMITTEE - Gerace presented report

DPW — Witte presented report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Supervisor Eashoo reminded all present that public comments are limited to 3 minutes.

Township Resident - Joe Jacot introduced himself and stated that he is running for a position on the Kearsley School Board.

Township Resident – Tom Kehoe – in regard to the motions that were just made. No ticket was given and asked how do you fight a recovery with a judge and a jury. I have got tickets before that I have fought. I actually won a jury trial. How can you come up with this recovery, change the value and think it's not theft. There's no recovery. There's no ticket. No recourse for the public. If the renter doesn't pay and if I was him, I wouldn't pay cause I don't have a ticket. You can't see a judge or a jury on this. It is theft. If he doesn't pay, am I, my mother, back on the home for this $250? This Board is acting ridiculous. There's got to be a ticket. There was no call and no recovery. I am not going to pay and my mother shouldn't pay. If she does pay is it theft, extortion, ransom. I really don't think that this is something that this Board should be involved in unless there is a ticket. With no ticket you can't call this a recovery and fine someone without a ticket. You can fight a ticket. There is no a way to be proven innocent. Was there really a fire. You guys don't know. None of you were there. Do you understand this from my perspective, from my mother's perspective, from the renter's perspective. If there was a ticket, there would be no problem. He would be ticketed and go to a jury trial. This is ridiculous and your legal guy is looking down at his desk. I don't know why but now I got his attention. I think this should be amended and the policy should be changed. An apology should be given to my mother. I am upset about this. My Mother pays her bills. What would have happened if she paid this. This is double dipping. There is no ticket. There is no recovery. You need to change this right now and I need a verbal apology by this commission in the minutes. I am not going to tolerate this. I don't know what a renter does, he is an adult. He can do that. He can get a ticket. He can pay it. He can fight it in court. I do not need to be involved. My mother does not need to be involved. I don't know what you think you're doing but this is wrong. Thank you.

Mott Community College - Larry Galthrop updated and informed the Board regarding the upcoming mileage renewal for MCC. He provided the Board with information as to how the mileage funds are used. He also stated local K-12 schools are sending more students to MCC than ever before. Duplanty asked if this mileage renewal is done every 10 years. Galthrop stated yes. He thanked the Board for their continued support.

## COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Eashoo read the GTFD Safety Officers report regarding a recent fire where GTFD Firefighters Terrance, Crocker, Boyle, Brown and Haubenstricker all helped in saving 2 lives from a burning house. Chief Fremd stated that he was so proud of all the firefighters involved in this fire. They all worked together as a team and got the job done.

Eashoo thanked everyone for coming.

Moved by Watters supported by Duplanty to adjourn meeting. No discussion. Vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

*3 minutes, agenda items

Robert S. Watters, Clerk

Daniel K. Eashoo, Supervisor