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I have a few issues I would like to bring to your attention.

First, I take issue with your synopsis of your meetings. The last time I spoke here, as did several others, we all spoke in opposition to your mandate to hook up to the sewer system for those of us in the 'so called' watershed danger zone. None of that was put in your synopsis of the meeting. All that was said was, "Public comments were made". I think that opposition opinions should have been noted. When I was on the Owosso City Council, we had our secretary present who wrote everything down, the names of those that spoke, a summation of their comments, everything, and then put it in the synopsis of the meeting. Why don't you do that? Who is doing that here? Who is the secretary here?

Secondly, the only mention of the actions of this council in our local paper (The Advance) was about the survey to be taken on the Veterans park property. Nothing was said about the opposition to the sewer issue, or even the demolition of the 'old' senior center (although, this was mentioned one week later). Obviously, I realize you don't have control over what is put in the paper..but where is the local reporter? I would like to talk to him or her. We always had a special table for the media, why don't you?

~~Finally~~, a comment was made at the last meeting.. "Georgetown Township has the lowest tax base of any in the greater Grand Rapids area". Let me tell you, this is not because of your actions, or that of your township administrator. Look around here, look at the growth here, look at your growing tax base here; money is pouring into this township from all the new buildings. Quit patting yourself on your back and start spending our money with more fiscal responsibility...thank you.

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