

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD MARCH 18, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman D. Dale Mohr.

Present: D. Dale Mohr, Chad Tuttle, John Schwalm, members; Daniel Carlton, Township
Manager; Mannette Minier, secretary
Absent: none

Two people from the public were present and made public comments: Jay Mol, 7701 Parkridge Dr.; and Michael Pearson, 4463 Sunningdale Ct.

#100318-01 – Finance Committee Minutes of February 18, 2010

Moved by Chad Tuttle, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the Finance Committee minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#100318-02 – 2010 Budget Amendments

Moved by Chad Tuttle, seconded by John Schwalm, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the revised [2010 Budget Amendments](#).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#100318-03 – Baldwin St. Land Purchase

Moved by D. Dale Mohr, seconded by Chad Tuttle, to place on the Board agenda for a potential land purchase.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#100318-04 – Use or Demolition of Township House

Moved by Chad Tuttle, seconded by John Schwalm, to recommend to the Township Board to approve authorizing the Fire Department to use the house at 1829 Rosewood St. for training purposes prior to demolition.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#100318-05 – Policy 2010-04, De Minimis Policy

Moved by D. Dale Mohr, seconded by Chad Tuttle, to recommend to the Township Board to approve [Policy 2010-04, De Minimis Policy](#).

Note: IRS Publication 15-B (2010) is the second page of the policy

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#100318-06 – Discuss [E-Newsletter](#)

The consensus of the committee was to not create a facebook page and for John Schwalm and Richard VanderKlok to discuss ideas.

#100318-07 – Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 2010-04, Moratorium on the Issuance of Permits, Licenses or Approvals for the Sale or Dispensation of Medical Marihuana and Distribution of Medical Marijuana

Moved by D. Dale Mohr, seconded by Chad Tuttle, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 2010-04, Moratorium on the Issuance of Permits, Licenses or Approvals for the Sale or Dispensation of Medical Marihuana and Distribution of Medical Marijuana, as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2010-04
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GEORGETOWN
OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS,
LICENSES OR APPROVALS FOR THE SALE OR DISPENSATION OF MEDICAL
MARIHUANA**

THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGETOWN, OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: Findings. In accordance with Act No. 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended, and Act No. 246 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended, Georgetown Charter Township has determined that:

1. The provisions within the Code of Ordinances and Zoning Ordinance have not kept pace with recent developments and the passing into law of Initiated Law 1 of 2008, the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act.
2. It is within the rights of the Charter Township of Georgetown to establish reasonable regulations to control the sale and dispensation of medical marihuana in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare and in a manner consistent with the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act.
3. The Township desires to ascertain the best and safest path to compliance with the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, P.A. 2008, Initiated Law, MCL 333.26423(d) in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.
4. Imposing a moratorium, on a limited temporary basis, is reasonable and necessary in order to allow time for review of and potential amendments to the Code of Ordinances and Zoning Ordinance.
5. A moratorium should be imposed upon the issuance of any and all permits, licenses and approvals for the sale and dispensation of medical marijuana for six (6) months or until an amendment to the Georgetown Township Zoning Ordinance and Code of Ordinance, whichever occurs first.

6. During this moratorium period, the Georgetown Charter Township Board and Planning Commission will investigate potential modifications to the Code of Ordinances and Zoning Ordinance that may establish reasonable regulations to control the sale and dispensation of medical marihuana in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

SECTION 2: Administrative Action. A moratorium is hereby imposed upon the issuance of any and all Township permits, licenses or approvals for the sale or dispensation of medical marihuana within the Charter Township of Georgetown, so long as this ordinance is in effect.

SECTION 3: Term of Ordinance. The moratorium imposed by this ordinance shall remain in effect for six months following the effective date of this ordinance or until amendments to the Georgetown Charter Township's Code of Ordinances become effective, whichever occurs first. Prior to the expiration of the six month moratorium, the Charter Township of Georgetown may extend the moratorium for an additional six months to allow sufficient time to complete amendments to the ordinances.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective the day following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

Attachments: Ordinance from the City of [Grand Rapids](#)
Ordinance from the City of [Kentwood](#)
Ordinance from the City of [Hudsonville](#)
[Articles](#)
Medical Marijuana [Act](#)

Grand Rapids-November 10, 2009 (pages 149-152) – Moratorium:
http://www.ci.grand-rapids.mi.us/download_upload/meeting/packets/d2ddbd6836de9477c64f574d6ef2e56e.pdf

Grand Rapids-February 23, 2010 (pages 49-73) – Proposed language for adoption:
http://www.ci.grand-rapids.mi.us/download_upload/meeting/packets/03528612c51edc04ebd2579c84c71283.pdf

Note: The City of Grand Rapids placed the moratorium on dispensaries, but would have added co-ops and grow facilities

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#100318-08 – Discussion of Best Practice Payment System Proposal

Moved by John Schwalm, seconded by Chad Tuttle, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the agreement with Best Practice Payment System.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#100318-09 – Planning Commissioner Resignation

Moved by D. Dale Mohr, seconded by Chad Tuttle, to recommend to the Township Board to accept Ed Stasiak's [resignation](#) from the Planning Commission.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#100318-10 - The Proposed Agenda for March 22, 2010 was discussed

#100318-11 - Other Business

#100318-12 - Adjourned