

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: D. Dale Mohr, Chad Tuttle, John Schwalm, members; Daniel Carlton, Township Superintendent; Kelly Cavanaugh, secretary

Absent: none

No one from the public was present and there were no public comments.

**#100923-01 – Finance Committee Minutes of September 9, 2010**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100923-02 – 2010 Assessments Added to the Tax Roll**

Moved by Chad Tuttle, seconded by John Schwalm, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the [2010 Assessments Added to the Tax Roll](#).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100923-03 – 2010 Budget Amendments**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100923-04 – Policy 2010-07 – Legal Opinions Policy**

Moved by D. Dale Mohr, seconded by John Schwalm, to recommend to the Township Board to approve [Policy 2010-07](#) Legal Opinions Policy

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100923-05 – Water/Sewer Rates**

Moved by Chad Tuttle, seconded by John Schwalm, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the [water/sewer rates](#) as per the [letter](#) with attachments from the Ottawa County Road Commission dated September 14, 2010 regarding the Grandville Treatment Plant Debt Payments 2010-11 Sewage Rate.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100923-06 – Jamestown Township Service Surcharge**

The Township Manager stated that Jamestown Township is currently charged a surcharge of 10% for utilizing Georgetown Township water and sewer services, equal to the resident surcharge. However, recently their service needs have significantly decreased; therefore, a decrease in their surcharge was recommended.

Moved by D. Dale Mohr, seconded by Chad Tuttle, to recommend to the Township Board to approve a decrease in the Jamestown Township service surcharge to 5% to correspond with a decrease in their service needs.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100923-07 – Consumers Energy Contract-Replacement of Obsolete Street Light Fixtures**

Moved by D. Dale Mohr, seconded by John Schwalm, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the change in the contract with Consumers Energy as detailed in the [letter](#) dated September 16, 2010 to replace obsolete street light fixtures.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100923-08 – [Michigan Grand River Watershed Council](#)**

The Township Manager stated that the Township contributed 4% to the retirement funds of Watershed Council staff per a commitment from 1976. One of the retirees has outlived the allocated funds and therefore, will be receiving four (4) years of additional payment. Georgetown Township is being asked to contribute 4% of the additional payment based on their previous commitment.

Moved by John Schwalm, seconded by D. Dale Mohr, to recommend to the Township Board to approve a 4% contribution, equaling \$637.49, of the additional retirement payment to a previous member of the Michigan Grand River Watershed Council based on the Township's previous commitment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100923-09 – Ordinance No. 2010-04 – Medical Marijuana Moratorium to Expire**

Moved by D. Dale Mohr, seconded by Chad Tuttle, to recommend to the Township Board to approve extending the moratorium for an additional six months to allow sufficient time to complete amendments to the ordinances.

**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**

**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. This Ordinance was introduced and read for the first time on March 22, 2010, published on March 30, 2010, read for the second time and adopted by the Georgetown Charter Township Board on April 12, 2010, published for the second time on April 20, 2010, and effective the following day **which is April 21, 2010.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **#100923-10 – Change November 18 Meeting**

As there were conflicts with the Finance Committee meeting date in November, the Township Manager suggested a new meeting date of November 12, 2010.

Moved by John Schwalm, seconded by D. Dale Mohr, to change the Finance Committee meeting date for November 18, 2010 to November 12, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **#100923-11 – Other Business**

The Township Manager stated that a Board member recommended that there be a follow-up session of the Township Board goal-setting session. It was stated that minutes from the goal-setting session should be reviewed. A discussion on the topic will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Township Manager stated that bonds from the City of Wyoming can be refunded now. Similar to "refinancing," these callable bonds, once refunded, will provide a net savings of \$406,000. The committee discussed and was in consensus.

The Township Manager stated that due to property values there appears to be no value in moving forward with a DDA this year. The committee discussed and was in consensus to delay for another year.

The Township Superintendent stated that there have been discussions about a possible alternative to variance extensions only being granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The committee discussed and determined that granting extensions for an identical variance by the Zoning Administrator or Township Board should be looked into.

The committee reviewed dental insurance coverage changes.

#### **#100923-12 – Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned.