

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 7, 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; Mannette Minier, secretary

Absent: none

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

#101007-01 – Finance Committee Minutes of September 23, 2010

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#101007-02 – Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Sec. 28.9(B), Variance Time Extensions

Moved by Chad Tuttle, seconded by John Schwalm, to recommend to the Township Board to approve initiating a Zoning Ordinance amendment to Sec. 28.9(B) as follows to provide for time limit extensions for variances, and to publish the notice for the public hearing along with another notice and to hold the public hearing at a Planning Commission meeting with another public hearing.

**Georgetown Charter township
Ottawa county, Michigan
(Ordinance No. _____)**

At a regular meeting of the Georgetown Charter Township Board held at the Township offices on _____, 2010, beginning at _____p.m., Township Board Member _____ made a motion to adopt this Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Township Board Member _____:

AN AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, FOR SUBSECTION 28.9(B) REGARDING THE EXPIRATION OF VARIANCES GRANTED BY THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS AND THE ABILITY TO EXTEND TERMINATION DATES REGARDING VARIANCES

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

ARTICLE 1. Subsection 28.9(B) of the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 28.9 DECISIONS.

- ~~(B) Each variance granted under the provisions of this Ordinance shall become null and void unless the construction authorized by such variance has been commenced within one (1) year after the granting of the variance and is being carried progressively to completion or the occupancy of land, premises, or buildings authorized by the variance has taken place within one (1) year after the variance was granted.~~

Sec. 28.9 DECISIONS.

- (B) Unless the Board of Appeals specifies a different time limit for a variance to expire as a condition of the Board of Appeals' decision in a particular variance case, each variance granted under the provisions of this Ordinance shall become null and void unless the use or activity authorized by the variance has been fully commenced and is ongoing or unless the construction authorized by such variance has been commenced and substantial construction has occurred within one (1) year after the granting of the variance and is being carried on progressively to completion. As a condition of approval of a variance, the Board of Appeals can specify a shorter or longer variance expiration time period. If the Board of Appeals has not specified a particular expiration time period as a condition of approval for a particular variance, the Zoning Administrator shall have the discretion and authority to extend the ordinary one-year time period contained in this subsection for good cause shown for up to one additional year as long as the request for the extension is made in writing prior to the expiration.

Except as expressly modified by the above, the balance of Section 28.9 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, 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 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: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: _____

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: _____, 2009

By _____
Delwin South
Georgetown Charter Township Clerk

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#101007-03 – Review Ordinances

The consensus of the committee was for the Township Board to review the Cemetery, Fire and Parks and Recreation Ordinances.

#101007-04 – Complete Sidewalk on 12th Ave.

Moved by Chad Tuttle, seconded by John Schwalm, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the low bid in the amount of \$5900.00 from Honderd Concrete to install 350 feet of 5 foot wide sidewalk, along with the incidental work, at 12th Ave. and Rosewood.

Attachments: [Honderd Concrete bid](#)
[Nobel Concrete bid](#)
[Lee's Trenching bid](#)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#101007-05 – Township Liability Insurance

Moved by D. Dale Mohr, seconded by John Schwalm, to recommend to the Township Board to change the agency relationship for the Township liability insurance to go directly with PAR.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#101007-06 – Information

The Township Superintendent said that the Township has been pursuing code enforcement issues with Arena Development at the corner of Bauer Rd. and 48th Ave. and by the end of the year the site must either be brought into compliance with ordinances and previous approvals or be demolished.

#101007-07 – Discussion of the Proposed Agenda for October 11, 2010**#101007-08 – Cancellation of October 11, 2010 Township Board Meeting**

D. Dale Mohr, Supervisor, made the determination to cancel the October 11, 2010 Township Board meeting due to the lack of agenda items based on authority given to him by the Township Board motion # 081124-06.

#081124-06 - Authorize Supervisor to Cancel Meetings if No Agenda Items

Moved by Del South, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to approve authorizing the Supervisor to cancel Township Board meetings if there are no agenda items.

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Chad Tuttle, to amend the motion to limit the number of meetings cancelled to no more than one per month.

Roll call for amendment

Yeas: D. Dale Mohr, Daniel Carlton, Del South, Carol Scholma, Chad Tuttle, Jim Wierenga and Richard VanderKlok

Nays: none

MOTION FOR AMENDMENT CARRIED.

Roll call for motion as amended

Yeas: D. Dale Mohr, Daniel Carlton, Del South, Carol Scholma, Chad Tuttle, Jim Wierenga and Richard VanderKlok

Nays: none

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

#101007-09 – Other Business**#101007-10 – Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned.