

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 2010, 7:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson D. Dale Mohr.

Prayer for guidance by Richard VanderKlok

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

Members present: D. Dale Mohr, Del South, Carol Scholma, Richard VanderKlok, Jim Wierenga, John Schwalm

Also present: Daniel Carlton (Township Superintendent)

Absent: Chad Tuttle

**#100913-01 - Approval of agenda** as presented for September 13, 2010

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100913-02 - Presentation by Sgt. Robert Tease regarding Baldwin St. Enforcement**

**#100913-03 - Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:**

- a. Minutes of the [September 9, 2010](#) Finance Committee meeting
- b. Minutes of the [August 9, 2010](#) Election Commission meeting
- c. Minutes of the [August 25, 2010](#) ZBA meeting
- d. Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Application [Evaluation Worksheet](#)
- e. Minutes of the [September 1, 2010](#) Planning Commission meeting
- f. [Notice](#) from Ace Communications
- g. Code Enforcement Report for [August 2010](#)
- h. Library report for [June 2010](#)
- i. [General ledger report](#) for August 2010

**#100913-04 - Public Comments**

The following people made public comments: Nicole Geerts, 1679 Honeybrook; Brett Strick, 1973 Pinegrove.

**#100913-05 - Consent agenda**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to grant the following:

- a. Approval of minutes of the regular board meeting held on [August 23, 2010](#)
- b. Approval of the regular monthly bills for [September 13, 2010](#), and August [utility bills](#)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100913-06 - Public Hearing and Consideration of 2011 Budget**

Moved by Del South, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to open the public hearing (as per the [published notice](#)).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The following people made public comments: Donna Heuker, 4555 Bauer Rd.; Brett Strick, 1973 Pinegrove.

The Township Superintendent answered questions and explained aspects and rationale for the budget, including the fact that planning was implemented for money to be saved in the fund balance so that capital expenditures could be paid for in cash rather than borrowing money, which resulted in much savings to the Township. [Consumer Price Index Data for June 2010](#) was used to formulate the budget.

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to close the public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Carol Scholma, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to approve the [Resolution](#) for the 2011 Budget.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas: D. Dale Mohr, Del South, Carol Scholma, Richard VanderKlok, Jim Wierenga, John Schwalm

Nays: none

Absent: Chad Tuttle

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100913-07 - Halloween Falling on Sunday**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to approve recommending the Halloween "trick or treat" times to be Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. due to the fact that October 31, 2010 falls on Sunday.

Note: The Finance Committee recommended approval

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100913-08 - Zoning Ordinance Revision to Sec. 22.7A**

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to approve initiating a Zoning Ordinance amendment as follows, with the timing for the publication and public hearing to coincide with another publication and public hearing.

**Sec. 22.7 TOWNSHIP BOARD ACTION.**

- A. After receiving the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the Township Board shall **hold a public hearing and** review the application, including the preliminary development plan, the record of the Planning Commission proceedings and the recommendation.
- B. The Township Board shall make its findings based on the standards approval of Section 22.10 as to approval, approval with conditions, or denial.
- C. An approval with conditions shall not be considered final (which means the rezoning is not final until such time) until the applicant submits a written acceptance of the conditions and all necessary revisions to the preliminary development plan to the Township Board.

The zoning administrator explained the following. The Zoning Enabling Act requires a public hearing to be held by the approving body, which is the Township Board. The Zoning Ordinance currently requires the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing. That part of the ordinance would remain and the Planning Commission will still hold a public hearing. Currently the Township Board already allows public comments on a PUD; however, with the ordinance change, there would be a more formal second public hearing.

**Excerpt of the Zoning Enabling Act:**

(5) Following receipt of a request to approve a planned unit development, **the body or official responsible for the review and approval shall hold at least 1 public hearing on the request.** A zoning ordinance may provide for preapplication conferences before submission of a planned unit development request and the submission of preliminary site plans before the public hearing. Notification of the public hearing shall be given in the same manner as required under section 103.

(6) Within a reasonable time following the public hearing, the body or official responsible for approving planned unit developments shall meet for final consideration of the request and deny, approve, or approve with conditions the request. The body or official shall prepare a report stating its conclusions, its decision, the basis for its decision, and any conditions imposed on an affirmative decision.

Note: The Finance Committee recommended approval

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100913-09 - Extension Request**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to approve a one year [extension as requested](#).

Note: The Finance Committee recommended approval

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100913-10 - Public Comment**

The following person made public comments: Brett Strick, 1973 Pinegrove.

**#100913-11 - Discussion and General Information**

Carol Scholma stated that there would be a regional MTA meeting on October 18, 2010. D. Dale Mohr said that there would be a regional meeting in Allendale on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. John Schwalm commented on the renovations at the ice arena.

Daniel Carlton said that quotes were being obtained to replace the projector which continues to flicker. He gave an update on the [sewer project](#) which started in November 2008.

**#100913-12 - Meeting Adjourned**

Moved by Del South, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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D. Dale Mohr, Supervisor

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Del South, Clerk