

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD NOVEMBER 8, 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 D. Dale Mohr

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

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

Also present: Daniel Carlton (Township Superintendent)

Absent: none

#101108-01 - Approval of agenda as presented for November 8, 2010

Moved by Carol Scholma, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of the following items:

- a. **Revision to Board Policy 2005-02-Guidelines for the Conduct of Public Hearings**
- b. **Resolution to Authorize Issuance of Refunding Bonds**
- c. **Michwave Lease Agreement for Tower Sites**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#101108-02 - Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:

- a. Finance Committee meeting of [November 4, 2010](#) was not held because there was not a quorum of membership present
- b. Minutes of the [October 25, 2010](#) Utilities Committee meeting
- c. Services Committee meeting minutes of [November 1, 2010](#)
- d. [Letter](#) from Ottawa County Road Commission dated October 20, 2010 regarding 24 hour bi-directional traffic counts
- e. Code Enforcement Report for [October 2010](#)
- f. General ledger report for [October 2010](#)
- g. [Election results](#) for November 2, 2010
- h. Sheriff's Department [Report for September 2010](#)
- i. Library Report for [August 2010](#)

#101108-03 - Public Comments

No one was present in the audience to make public comments at this time.

#101108-04 - Consent agenda

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Del South, to grant the following:

- a. Approval of minutes of the regular board meeting held on [October 25, 2010](#)
- b. Approval of the regular monthly bills for [November 8, 2010](#), and [October utility bills](#)

- c. Approval of payment in an amount up to \$15,000 for engineering costs for Jackson St. (Note: The Utilities Committee recommended approval)
- d. Approval to determine the unclaimed urns from 2009, stored at Maplewood Park, abandoned property and to authorize their sale ninety (90) days after Township Board approval. (Note: The Services Committee recommended approval)
- e. Approval of the Rush Creek Shelter Roof Repair (Note: The Services Committee recommended approval)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#101108-05 - Unfinished Business - Special Use Permit (SUP1004) PBM Wireless LLC, 28602 CR 50, Nappanee, IN, is requesting to have a commercial wireless communication tower under Sec. 8.3(O) and Sec. 7.3(B), in a (RR) Rural Residential district, on a parcel of land described at P.P. # 70-14-05-200-021, located at 3334 Filmore St., Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Michigan. ([application](#), [site plan](#), [request](#) to postpone until October 6, 2010)

**Georgetown Charter Township Board
Ottawa County, Michigan
(Resolution No. 101108-05
(Case No. SUP-1004)**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for Georgetown Charter Township held at the Township offices on November 8, 2010, the following Resolution was offered for adoption by Township Board Member Chad Tuttle, and was seconded by Township Board Member Richard VanderKlok:

A RESOLUTION BY THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD TO DENY THE SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT REQUEST BY PBM WIRELESS, LLC FOR A COMMERCIAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS TOWER

Chapter 1 Background

PBM Wireless, LLC (the “Applicant”) desires to install a new commercial wireless communications tower on property within the Township commonly known as 3334 Fillmore Street (Permanent Parcel No. 70-14-05-200-021) (the “Property”). The Property is owned by Mr. Nile W. Thompson. The Property is located within the RR-Rural Residential zoning district (Chapter 7) pursuant to the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance (the “Zoning Ordinance”). The Property is generally vacant, but an accessory building/pole barn does exist on the Property pursuant to a variance granted by the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals (the “ZBA”) in 1988.

A new wireless communication tower is allowed on a property within the RR zoning district but only with special land use approval pursuant to Sections 7.3(B) and 8.3(O) of the Zoning Ordinance.

The Applicant's proposed wireless communications tower would be of monopole design and approximately 100 feet tall. Please see the Applicant's application.

In 1988, Mr. Thompson, the then and current owner of the Property, applied for a variance to be able to build an accessory building on a vacant property (*i.e.*, a property without a dwelling thereon). The ZBA granted the variance contingent upon a dwelling being built. While the accessory building was constructed immediately, to date, no dwelling has been built on the Property. The Zoning Administrator is of the opinion that the passage of 22 years without a dwelling being built on the Property constitutes a violation of the 1988 variance.

In 2004, the Township approved a planned unit development ("PUD") for Eastbook Development to construct a housing development with over 800 houses. That development ("Loving Woods") is adjacent to the Property. While only a limited number of houses have been built in the PUD, the PUD approval remains valid and it is likely that a significant number of new dwellings will be built in the development in the near future.

The Township owns an existing municipal water tower located at 3390 and 3398 Bauer Road, not far from the Property. On top of that existing water tower, there are several telecommunication antennas. The Zoning Administrator has made the determination that the antennas on the structure which is on top of the existing water tower constitute a "wireless communication tower" under the definition found in Section 2.96A of the Zoning Ordinance. That existing water tower is located approximately one mile from the Applicant's proposed new telecommunication tower location.

The Township plans to construct a new water tower at 9045 36th Avenue within the next year, which will be specifically designed with a structure on top to accommodate multiple telecommunication

antennas on top of that tower. The proposed new water tower site would be located approximately only 1,663 feet from the site of the Applicant's proposed new tower on the Property.

Chapter 2 The Applicant's Variance Request

Earlier, the Applicant requested a variance from the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals (the "ZBA") so that the driveway to the Applicant's proposed new wireless communications tower would not have to be paved. The ZBA held a hearing regarding that variance request and denied the variance at its meeting on August 25, 2010.

Chapter 3 Planning Commission Recommendation

The Georgetown Charter Township Planning Commission (the "Planning Commission") held a public hearing regarding the Applicant's special land use proposal at its meeting on September 15, 2010. The Planning Commission also discussed the proposal at its October 6, 2010 meeting.

At its meeting on October 20, 2010, the members of the Planning Commission voted unanimously to deny the special land use request of the Applicant. The reason given by the Planning Commission for its recommendation of denial of the special land use request was that the Applicant's proposed new wireless communication tower would be located within two miles of an existing wireless communications tower (being the one located on the existing water tower at 3390 and 3398 Bauer Road) in violation of the special land use standard in Section 20.4(AB)(6) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Chapter 4 The Township Board's October 25, 2010 Meeting

At the Township Board meeting on October 25, 2010, there was considerable public discussion regarding the Applicant's proposal. At the end of that discussion, members of the Township Board approved a motion to tentatively deny the special land use request by the Applicant contingent upon Township staff and the Township Attorney drafting a denial resolution for the next Township Board meeting and the Township Board adopting that resolution.

Chapter 5 The Special Land Use Standards in General

Two different sets of standards are applicable regarding this wireless communication tower request. First, the general special land use standards found in Section 20.3(A) of the Zoning Ordinance are applicable. Second, the specific special land use standards for wireless communication towers found in Section 20.4(AB) must also be met.

CHAPTER 6 The General Special Land Use Standards Found in Section 20.3(A)

The Township Board makes the following findings regarding the general standards for a special land use contained in Section 20.3(A) of the Zoning Ordinance:

Standard No. 1: Be designed, constructed, operated and maintained so as to be harmonious and appropriate in appearance, with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and that such a use will not change the essential character of the area in which it is proposed.

Finding: The Township Board finds that this standard will not be met. Although the site is currently relatively rural in character, some dwellings have already been built in Eastbrook Development's adjoining approved PUD, Lowing Woods. Furthermore, pursuant to the approved PUD, up to 825 dwellings can be built in that development. It is highly likely that additional dwellings will be built in the near future, in a location very close to the wireless communications tower site proposed by the Applicant. The proposed tower would not be harmonious and appropriate in appearance with either the PUD or the intended character of the general vicinity when the PUD is significantly or fully developed and as approved by the Township. The proposed tower use will change the essential character of the area because of the existing dwellings and the other dwellings approved for the Eastbrook PUD on land adjoining the Property.

The Applicant argued that the presence of the AT&T telecommunication tower would actually be a selling point for new houses in the Eastbrook Development PUD, as prospective home buyers would know that cell coverage is available. However, the Township Board believes that the presence of a new wireless communications tower located so close to the approved PUD would likely negatively impact new home

sales in that development, particularly since other options exist for the collocation of wireless communications antennas in the area.

Standard No. 2: Be served adequately by essential public facilities and services such as highways, streets, police, fire protection, drainage structures, refuse disposal, water and sewage facilities, or schools.

Finding: The Township Board finds that this standard will be met.

Standard No. 3: Not create excessive additional requirements at public cost for public facilities and services.

Finding: The Township Board finds that this standard will be met.

Standard No. 4: Not involve uses, activities, processes, materials, and equipment or conditions of operation that will be detrimental to any persons, property, or the general welfare by reason of excessive production of traffic, noise, fumes, or odors.

Finding: Although it is likely that this standard will be met, it is unclear whether the visual appearance of the tower will have adverse impacts upon the approved Eastbrook PUD or whether lights on the tower will have an adverse impact upon the peace and serenity of dwellings to be built within that adjoining residential development.

CHAPTER 7 Particular Special Land Use Standards for a Wireless Communication Tower— Section 20.4(AB)

The Township Board makes the following findings regarding the standards contained in Section 20.4(AB) as applied to this request:

Standard No. 1: The minimum lot size shall be the same as that of the district in which the tower is located.

Finding: The Township Board finds that this standard is met.

Standard No. 2: The tower shall be set back from all lot lines a minimum distance equal to one-half (1/2) the height of the tower. All other buildings, structures, and guy wires shall meet the minimum setback requirements of the Zoning District.

Finding: The Township Board finds that this standard is met.

Standard No. 3: In Residential Districts, such towers shall not exceed one hundred (100) feet in height, unless located on publicly owned land.

Finding: The Township Board finds that this standard is met.

Standard No. 4: A security fence at least six (6) feet in height shall be constructed around the tower and supports.

Finding: The Township Board finds that this standard is met.

Standard No. 5: Where possible, joint use of tower facilities shall be required for multiple users in order to minimize the number of separate towers and individual locations throughout the township. As a condition of approval, the applicant shall agree to permit future users to share the tower facility.

Finding: The Township Board finds that this standard is met.

Standard No. 6: Unless located on the same site or tower with another user, no new tower shall be erected within a two (2) mile radius of an existing radio, television, or cellular communications tower.

Finding: This standard is not met. Within approximately one mile of the Property (and the site of the Applicant's proposed tower), there exists a water tower at 3390 and 3398 Bauer Road, which has three wireless communications antennas located on the structure on top of it. The Township Zoning Administrator has determined that such antennas (~~and~~ located on their supporting structures) on top of the existing water tower constitutes a "wireless communications tower" within two miles of the Applicant's proposed wireless telecommunication tower. More specifically, Section 2.96A of the Zoning Ordinance defines a "wireless communications tower" as:

A structure designed and constructed to support one or more antennas used for licensed telecommunication services including cellular, personal communications services (PCS) ... and similar services that are marketed to the general public.

The Applicant did not disclose the wireless communications antennas located on top of the existing water tower in the Applicant's application to the Township. It should be noted that the Applicant disagrees that the wireless communications antennas located on top of the existing water constitutes a "wireless communications tower" for purposes of Section 2.96A and Section 20.4(AB)(6).

The Township Board agrees with the Zoning Administrator's determination that the antennas and apparatus located on top of the existing water tower do constitute a "wireless communications tower" for purposes of the spacing requirements contained in Section 20.4(AB) of the Zoning Ordinance (and for purposes of the intention of that section of the Zoning Ordinance), such that the Applicant's proposal does

not meet this standard. The Applicant has not appealed to the ZBA the Zoning Administrator's definitional determination regarding the antennas on the existing water tower.

Standard No. 7: Where the effect of any of the provisions of this ordinance would be to prevent or preclude the operation of amateur radio antennas, the Township Board may approve the use if the applicant demonstrates that the requirements would interfere with the reasonable accommodations of amateur radio communications.

Finding: The Township Board finds that this standard is inapplicable.

In addition, the Township Board expressly adopts as additional findings of the Township Board the considerations labeled 1 through 6, inclusive, on pages 4 and 5 of Zoning Administrator Mannelle Minier's report regarding this case dated October 20, 2010 as follows:

- 1. An alternate option will soon be available for the location of an AT&T wireless communication antenna on a proposed water tower only about 1663 feet (less than one-third of a mile away) from the proposed site on a water tower that is expected to be completed within a year.**
- 2. Although this site is currently rural in character, the opportunity exists for future residential development in this area, including homes from the Lowing Woods Plats (the Eastbrook Development PUD which was approved in 2004 and is currently under construction starting from Bauer Road and working north to northwest). Due to this fact, the general standard in Sec. 20.3(A)(1) has NOT been met because the proposed tower would NOT be harmonious and appropriate in appearance with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and that such a use will change the essential character of the area in which it is proposed because of the numerous residential homes proposed to be constructed with the Eastbrook PUD on property adjoining the subject site.**
- 3. Although a few of the current neighbors have spoken in favor of the tower, due to the fact of the approved PUD, the potential exists for many more people to live adjacent to this site due to the approved Eastbrook PUD. The determination could reasonably be asserted that a cell tower would be incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood given that a PUD has been approved for Eastbrook Development for adjoining property with the likelihood that a significant number of houses will be built adjacent to this site in the future (with the tower proposed to be in existence for 25 years, as per the applicant).**
- 4. Due to the fact that the Township does not want to see a proliferation of cell towers, a special use standard was adopted to require a minimum distance of 2 miles between cell towers and to require tower owners to allow co-location. When drafting this particular specific special use standard, clearly the intention of the Planning Commission and Township Board was to limit the number of towers so that they would not be located on every corner. Although the water tower on 36th Ave. is not constructed yet, a water tower DOES currently exist at 3390 Bauer Rd. which is only ONE MILE from the subject site. This EXISTING water tower (only 1 mile from the site) has a cellular tower on top which currently has three antennas located on it (with room for one more). This fact (which was missing from the applicant's submittal package) warrants the determination that the specific standard in Sec. 20.4(AB)(6) is not met.**
- 5. The overall site also has nonconforming (or even illegal) elements because it is in violation of the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance and the site does not comply with the variance**

that was granted in 1988 to Mr. Nile W. Thomson. Under the then-applicable requirements of the Zoning Ordinance (and also still applicable today), no accessory building could be built on the property without a dwelling either being built on the property first or concurrent with the accessory building. An accessory building was built on the property; however, a residence has never been built. Consequently, the property is in substantial violation of both the Zoning Ordinance and the 1988 variance. No new zoning application for the property should be granted as long as the variance and the Zoning Ordinance are being violated (*i.e.*, no dwelling is present). Either the house should be constructed prior to any further zoning approvals being granted, the accessory building should be removed or an amendment to the variance should be obtained, since the proposed AT&T cell tower was not approved as part of the variance approval in 1988.

- 6. The recommendation for denial is also based on Sec. 20.3 which states that the general standards, in addition to those specific standards established for certain uses, shall be satisfied before the Township Board makes a decision regarding a Special Use application. Sec. 20.3(C) states: “The general standards and requirements of this section are basic to all special land uses. The specific and detailed requirements set forth in the following section relate to particular uses and are requirements which must be met by those uses in addition to the foregoing general standards and requirements where applicable.”**

Chapter 8 The Proposed New Water Tower—A Reasonable Alternative

Within the next year, the Township will be constructing a new water tower on a site approximately 1663 feet away from the site of the Applicant’s proposed tower location. The new water tower will be specifically designed with a structure on top to accommodate wireless communications antennas ~~on top~~. The water tower will be approximately 150 feet tall and will be able to accommodate a minimum of three wireless communication antennas. The Applicant has presented no credible evidence regarding why its antenna cannot be located on that structure on top of the new water tower, or the existing water tower for that matter.

Chapter 9 The Property’s Unlawful Status

In addition to the fact that certain standards for a special land use would not be met by the application as discussed above, the apparent unlawful status of the Property is also a factor in the Township Board’s denial decision. The variance granted in 1988 by the ZBA involved the entire property. More specifically, the ZBA approved a specific site plan for the Property regarding an accessory building. A condition of the variance approval was that a dwelling be built on the Property, presumably within a reasonable period of time. The fact that a dwelling has not been built after 22 years indicates that the

overall Property is in material violation of a condition of the 1988 variance. Furthermore, no telecommunication tower was shown on the site plan for the variance in 1988 or approved as part of that variance.

Given that the Property is in material violation of both the 1988 variance and the Zoning Ordinance, the Township Board finds that a new wireless communications tower cannot be approved for (or built on) the Property until and unless the Property is brought into full compliance with the 1988 variance and the Zoning Ordinance. Compliance could be effectuated in one of three different ways. First, the accessory building could be removed from the Property. Second, a dwelling could be built. Third and finally, the property owner could apply for a formal amendment to the 1988 variance, which has not occurred to date. The property owner could change the unlawful status of the Property to lawful under the Zoning Ordinance by effectuating one of those three possible solutions.

Chapter 10 Decision

The Township Board has determined that the Applicant's request fails to meet Section 20.3(A)(1) of the general standards for special land use found in Section 20.3(A) of the Zoning Ordinance, as well as Section 20.4(AB)(6) of the more particularized standards. In addition, it is not clear whether the general standard found in Section 20.3(A)(4) will be met, such that the Applicant has not carried its burden of proof showing compliance with that standard. Furthermore, the Township Board finds that the Property itself is in violation of the 1988 variance granted by the ZBA since no dwelling has been built on the Property despite the passage of 22 years. In addition, a reasonable alternative will be available within approximately one year when the new Township water tower is constructed less than 1/3 of a mile away from the Property. Accordingly, the special land use request for the proposed wireless communication tower is hereby denied.

The vote in favor of this Resolution was as follows:

YEAS: D. Dale Mohr, Del South, Carol Scholma, Jim Wierenga, Chad Tuttle, Richard VanderKlok,
John Schwalm
NAYS: none
ABSENT/ABSTAIN: none

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board for Georgetown Charter Township at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: _____, 2010

By _____
Delwin South
Georgetown Charter Township Clerk

**#101108-06 - Unfinished Business-Ordinance No. 2010-11 Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Sec. 22.7
TOWNSHIP BOARD ACTION**

**Georgetown Charter Township
Ottawa County, Michigan
Ordinance No. 2010-11**

At a regular meeting of the Georgetown Charter Township Board held at the Township offices on November 8, 2010, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Township Board Member Jim Wierenga made a motion to adopt this Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Township Board Member Richard VanderKlok:

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, FOR SUBSECTION 22.7
REGARDING THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT**

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GEORGETOWN (the "Township") ORDAINS:

ARTICLE 1. Subsection 22.7 of the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22.7 TOWNSHIP BOARD ACTION.

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.

Except as expressly modified by the above, the balance of Section 22 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: D. Dale Mohr, Del South, Carol Scholma, Jim Wierenga, Chad Tuttle, Richard VanderKlok, John Schwalm
- NAYS: none
- ABSENT/ABSTAIN: none

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND RESOLUTION 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

#101108-07 - Appoint Advisor to the Sewer Plant Advisory Committee

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Chad Tuttle, to approve the appointment of Dan Carlton, Township Superintendent, or designee as an advisor to the Sewer Plant Advisory Committee.

Note: The Utilities Committee recommended approval

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#101108-08 - Jenison Junior High School Crosswalk and Crossing Guard

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to approve drafting an agreement with the Jenison Public Schools Superintendent for a crosswalk and crossing guard for Jenison Junior High School.

Attachments: [Letter](#) from Jenison Public Schools' Superintendent
[Cost](#) of Crossing Guards by Corner
[Numbers](#) of Potential Students to Utilize Crosswalk and Crossing Guard

Note: The Services Committee recommended approval

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#101108-09 - Reviewed Ordinances

a. Chapter 42 - [Parks and Recreation Ordinance](#)

Note: The Finance Committee recommended the review

#101108-10 - Revision to Board Policy 2005-02-Guidelines for the Conduct of Public Hearings

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to approve the revisions to Township [Board Policy 2005-02-Guidelines for the Conduct of Public Hearings](#)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#101108-11 - Resolution to Authorize Issuance of Refunding Bonds

Moved by Chad Tuttle, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to approve the [Resolution](#) to Authorize Issuance of Refunding Bonds

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: none

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#101108-12 - Michwave Lease Agreement for Tower Sites

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to approve the [Michwave Lease Agreement](#) for Tower Sites with the Township Superintendent to negotiate the size of the sign.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#101108-13 - Public Comment

Brett Strick, 1973 Pinegrove, made public comments.

#101108-14 - Discussion and General information

Dan Carlton demonstrated the cemetery information that is available on the website. D. Dale Mohr thanked the Board for recommending that Halloween be observed on Saturday. Dan Carlton noted that the Township had received 50 “thank-yous” for recommending the day. Chad Tuttle congratulated Brett Strick on winning the Township trustee office and thanked John Schwalm for his work on the Board. John Schwalm thanked the Board and said that this had been a good experience.

#101108-15 - Meeting Adjourned

Moved by Chad Tuttle, seconded by Del South, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Dale Mohr, Supervisor

Del South, Clerk