

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD NOVEMBER 22, 2010, 7:30 p.m.**

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

**Ceremony with the Clerk Administering the Oath of Office to Carol Scholma, Treasurer, and Brett Strick, Trustee**

Prayer for guidance by Carol Scholma

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

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

Also present: Daniel Carlton (Township Superintendent)

Absent: none

**#101122-01 - Approval of agenda as presented for November 22, 2010**

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#101122-02 - Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:**

- a. Finance Committee meetings minutes of [November 12, 2010](#)
- b. [Minutes of the November 16, 2010](#) Mining Board meeting
- c. [Letter](#) from Etta Robrahn dated November 5, 2010 regarding the library
- d. [Notice](#) of Ottawa County Parks Meeting on November 30, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**#101122-03 - Public Comments**

Bonnie Cousino, 2932 Parkside Dr., and Julie Weber, 2908 Parkside Dr., made public comments.

There was discussion regarding the Township Policy for non-resident library use for residents who declare their primary residence elsewhere.

**#101122-04 - Consent agenda**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to grant the following:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#101122-05 - Resolution for Sidewalks on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Georgetown, County of Ottawa, Michigan (the "Township"), held in said Township on the 22nd day of November, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: none

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Chad Tuttle and seconded by Member Richard VanderKlok:

WHEREAS, this Township has determined that it is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the Township that sidewalk improvements be installed together with the other work incidental thereto (the "Project") as described as follows:

Sidewalks along both sides of 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. from Port Sheldon to 44<sup>th</sup> St. to be completed in 18 months; and

WHEREAS, after study, it has been determine that the Project is in the best interest of the residents of the Township;

WHEREAS, the Township Board has the authority to direct that the Project be undertaken as per authority granted to the Township Board in Sec. 10-216 of the Georgetown Township Code of Ordinances as follows:

Sec. 10-216. Construction by land owner; sidewalk locations.  
The township board has the authority (at its discretion) to order the installation and construction of sidewalks and/or non-motorized paths, pursuant to township sidewalk and/or non-motorized path specifications, in any area of the township it deems reasonably necessary in order to protect the health, safety or welfare of the residents of the township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. It is hereby determined that the Project be undertaken as per authority granted to the Township Board in Sec. 10-216;
2. The Township does hereby grant its consent to the location, establishment and construction of the Project as herein provided;
3. The Supervisor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Project on behalf of the Township.

Yeas: Members D. Dale Mohr, Carol Scholma, Chad Tuttle, Richard VanderKlok, Brett Strick, Del South, Jim Wierenga

Nays: Members none

Note: The Utilities Committee recommended approval.

There was discussion about the sidewalks and the following comments were made. In regards to a question about a survey of the neighborhood, it was noted that a public hearing would be held as per the next Board action item. This is for the safety and public welfare of the residents of the Township. The pros and cons of this topic had been discussed at two or three Utilities Committee meetings. This will connect the trail on 44<sup>th</sup> St. to the sidewalk on Port Sheldon. This will be a larger road crossing and will be in conjunction with a Road Commission project in 2011.

MOTION CARRIED AND RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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Del South, Township Clerk

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CERTIFICATE

I, Del South, the duly elected and acting clerk of the Township of Georgetown, hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true copy of an Excerpt of the Minutes of a regular meeting of the Georgetown Township Board, Ottawa County, Michigan held on November 22, 2010, at which meeting all members were present as indicated in said minutes and voted as therein set forth; that said meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

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Del South, Township Clerk

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**#101122-06 - Resolution to Initiate a Special Assessment District**

“8<sup>th</sup> AVENUE SIDEWALK SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT”  
SW11-01

Motion was made by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Del South, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

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Sidewalks along both sides of 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. from Port Sheldon to 44<sup>th</sup> St. to be completed in 18 months;  
and

WHEREAS, after study, it has been determine that the Project is in the best interest of the residents of the Township;

WHEREAS, the Township Board has the authority to direct that the Project be undertaken as per authority granted to the Township Board in Sec. 10-216 of the Georgetown Township Code of Ordinances as follows:

Sec. 10-216. Construction by land owner; sidewalk locations.

The township board has the authority (at its discretion) to order the installation and construction of sidewalks and/or non-motorized paths, pursuant to township sidewalk and/or non-motorized path specifications, in any area of the township it deems reasonably necessary in order to protect the health, safety or welfare of the residents of the township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Township Board does hereby tentatively declare its intent to require the installation of sidewalks together with the other work incidental thereto, on both sides of 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. from Port Sheldon to 44<sup>th</sup> St. to be completed in 18 months, as per the authority granted to the Township Board in Sec. 10-216.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Board does tentatively designate the Special Assessment District against which the costs of the improvements (with the residents to pay 75% and the Township to pay 25% of the costs) are to be assessed as 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Sidewalk Special Assessment District, (SW10-01), which shall include the lands and premises more particularly described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if 20% or more rejects the special assessment district, the property owners would be responsible for building the sidewalks themselves or else 50% or more could still petition for a special assessment district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a hearing on any objections to the improvement, the estimate of costs, and to the Special Assessment District proposed to be established for the assessment of cost of such improvement, shall be held on **January 10, 2011**; at a regular meeting of the township board at Georgetown Township Offices at 1515 Baldwin Street, Jenison, MI commencing at 7:30 pm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerk be instructed to give the proper notice of such hearing by mailing and publication in accordance with law and statute provided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Resolutions and parts of Resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Yeas: Members            D. Dale Mohr, Carol Scholma, Chad Tuttle, Richard VanderKlok, Brett Strick, Del South, Jim Wierenga

Nays: Members            none

Note:                      The Utilities Committee recommended approval.  
Proposed time line-

1. November 22, 2010-Board meeting first resolution adopted and public hearing set for January 10, 2011.
2. Two notices must be published at least 10 days prior to the hearing-publish on December 7 and December 21, 2010.
3. Send out property notices at least 10 days prior to the hearing.
4. January 10, 2011 first public hearing.
5. Dates for second hearing, publication and notices sent to be determined.

Daniel Carlton stated that since this was a benefit for the residents and the Township, the determination had been made that there should be a compromise and the Township should pay a portion of the costs. Chad Tuttle noted that a public hearing would be held January 10, 2011.

MOTION CARRIED AND RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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Township Clerk

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**#101122-07 - 2011 Boards and Commission Meeting Dates**

Moved by Del South, seconded by Carol Scholma, to approve the [meeting dates for 2011](#) for the Township Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals as presented.

Note: The Finance Committee recommended approval

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#101122-08 - 2011 Committee Appointments**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to approve [2011 Committee Appointments](#) as recommended by the Supervisor.

Note: The Finance Committee recommended approval

Del South questioned the process of how the Supervisor made the recommendations.

D. Dale Mohr said that he had given each Board member a survey and asked them to rank their preferences as to which Board and Commissions they wanted to serve on. He tried to take preferences into consideration and when more people wanted a certain spot than there were positions for, he made a determination as to who to appoint. D. Dale Mohr said that the Board could make any changes they wanted.

Del South commented on the appointment to the Planning Commission since he had served on it in the past.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#101122-09 - Jenison Junior High School Crossing Guard Agreement**

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to approve the Jenison Junior High School Crossing Guard draft [agreement](#).

Note: The Finance Committee placed the item on the agenda and the Township Board approved drafting an agreement with the Jenison Public Schools Superintendent for the crosswalk and crossing guard at the November 8 meeting with motion #101108-08

Daniel Carlton noted that the crossing guard would be a Township employee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#101122-10 - Public Comment**

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

**#101122-11 - Discussion and General information**

Carol Scholma stated that she had attended Treasurer's training in Lansing. D. Dale Mohr said that he had attended a meeting where cell towers were discussed. Richard VanderKlok said that he was now a former Services Committee member and encouraged the committee to review the issue of the library use for residents who were considered non-residents because they claimed their residency elsewhere. Brett Stick said that the same issue of residents who were determined to be non-residents would come up for the parks when there are changes and the Township starts charging. D. Dale Mohr announced there would be a seminar on medical marijuana in Allendale on December 8 at 6:30 p.m.

**#101122-12 - Meeting Adjourned**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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D. Dale Mohr, Supervisor

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Del South, Clerk