

MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020

Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-15 provides temporary changes to the Open Meeting Act, allowing a meeting of a public body to be held electronically, including by telephonic conferencing or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means.

Due to this Executive Order, the following Finance Committee members were present via video conferencing: Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok and Carol Scholma. However, there were technical difficulties with Carol Scholma for the first few minutes. Dan Carlton, Township Superintendent, and Rod Weersing, Assistant Manager, were present via video conferencing, and one member of the public was also present in the audience via video conferencing.

The meeting was called to order at 8:17 a.m.

Present: Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, members; Dan Carlton, Township Superintendent
Absent: None

#200603-01 - Finance Committee Minutes of March 18, 2020

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to approve the Finance Committee minutes as presented.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok

Nays: None

No communication from Carol Scholma

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#200603-02 – (LIQ2002) Posh Nails and Spa Liquor License Application

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to recommend to the Township Board to schedule a public hearing for the consideration of the [resolution](#) to issue liquor license [\(LIQ2002\) Posh Nails and Spa](#).

Richard VanderKlok said that the number of these types of licenses should be limited to five.

Carol Scholma joined the meeting and was able to communicate.

There was discussion.

Related Ordinance sections:

Sec 4-6 Restrictions On Licenses

- a. *Restrictions:* Except to the extent that the township board issues a variance as permitted below, no new license, a renewal or transfer of an existing license shall be issued or approved to or for:

16. Any premises unless at least fifty (50) percent of the bona fide restaurant's gross receipts from the sale of food and beverages, including alcoholic liquors, shall be derived from the sale of food and beverages other than alcoholic liquors, or from indoor or outdoor recreational activities such as golf, bowling or other similar activities. All establishments shall maintain accurate records of receipts and disbursements in such a manner that receipts from food and beverages other than alcoholic liquors can be readily distinguishable from receipts for alcoholic liquors. Such records shall be available for inspection by the township or its agent from time to time during normal business hours. In the event that any establishment with a liquor license ceases to meet the requirements of this section and fails to come into compliance with this section within six (6) weeks, the township board may suspend or revoke its approval and the continued sale of liquor for consumption on the premises shall constitute a violation of the Charter Township of Georgetown Liquor License and Control Ordinance.

b. *Variances:*

1. In connection with the issuance, transfer or renewal of a license, the township board, in its sole discretion, may allow a variance from the strict requirements of this chapter where it is shown by the applicant that:
 - a. It would be impossible or very difficult for the applicant to comply with the strict requirements of this chapter (financial hardship alone shall not satisfy this requirement);
 - b. The variance provides for adequate alternate means of ensuring that the spirit and intent of this chapter is maintained;
 - c. The variance sought is sufficient to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the township and its residents;
 - d. The variance sought will not contradict with other applicable laws, rules or regulations.
 2. In connection with the grant of a variance, the township board may impose other requirements to ensure that the spirit and intent of this chapter is maintained and that the health, safety and general welfare of the township and its residents is protected.
 3. A variance granted pursuant to this section is not transferable to another licensee or location.
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Current issued liquor licenses:

Sunnybrook Country Club – 624 Port Sheldon
 Peppino's Pizza – 135 Chicago Dr.
 The Win – 7628 Georgetown Center
 Licari – 3627 Baldwin
 Los Ranchos – 1814 Baldwin
 Rebounders – 7500 Cottonwood

Yeas: Richard VanderKlok

Nays: Jim Wierenga, Carol Scholma

MOTION DEFEATED.

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Carol Scholma, to place this before the board as an agenda item for discussion.

Jim Wierenga noted that they could discuss the nature and the use or approval of liquor licenses in the Township and if the board wishes to curtail, limit or permit, or deny uses that are simply an accessory to a general service.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Carol Scholma, Richard VanderKlok
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#200603-03 – Communications, Letters and Reports

[Perpetual Care Investment Advisor](#) Update

#200603-04 – Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#200603-05 – Other Business

#200603-06 – Adjournment

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Carol Scholma, Richard VanderKlok
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.