

**MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m.

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

**#180703-01 - Finance Committee Minutes of June 6, 2018**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#180703-02 – Policy 2018-01, Georgetown Township Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Compensation Policy**

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Carol Scholma, to recommend to the Township Board to approve [Policy 2018-01](#), Georgetown Township Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Compensation Policy, with compensation to be \$85.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#180703-03 – Communications Regarding Flag**

[Flag request](#)  
[Attorney comments](#)

The consensus of the committee was to direct the Superintendent to draft a policy related to the flag protocol to be followed at the Veteran's Plaza, that exclusively honors veterans at the declaration of the president. It was noted that all other Township properties follow U.S. Flag Protocol.

**#180703-04 – Resolution for the Privatization of the Ice Center (Board Goal)**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to recommend to the Board to approve the following resolution

**RESOLUTION FOR THE PRIVITIZATION OF THE ICE CENTER**

Whereas, in January 2018, the Township Board established the goal of prioritizing the ice arena and the sale of the facility accomplishes that goal;

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the community to transfer the facility to be operated as a private enterprise;

Whereas, the sale of the facility into the private sector transfers it to the tax rolls;

Whereas, the buyer is experienced in ice rink operations, facility management, and in the business of West Michigan hockey;

Whereas, the transfer of ownership would lead to better long-term management of the facility;

Whereas, the buyer has indicated an intention of retaining current Ice Center employees;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Georgetown Township Board approves the sale of the facility and authorize the Superintendent to sign any and all documents, and to make any other decisions necessary to facilitate the sale related to the transfer of ownership of the Georgetown Ice Center to DV Georgetown Hockey LLC., affiliate of DP Fox Ventures LLC., for the sum of \$1,000,000.00.

Yeas:

Nays:

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Richard VanderKlok, Clerk  
Georgetown Township

I, Richard VanderKlok, Clerk of Georgetown Charter Township, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a board meeting of the Georgetown Charter Township Board held on July 9, 2018.

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Richard VanderKlok, Clerk  
Georgetown Township

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#180703-05 – Resolution Tentatively Establishing Fusion Properties/Denso International America Inc. Industrial Facilities District (tax abatement)**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to recommend to the Township Board to deny the [resolution](#) to tentatively establish an Industrial Facilities District (tax abatement) because Township taxes and utility costs are already lower than the surrounding areas and an abatement on an existing building would be unfair to other property owners in the Township.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#180703-06 – Resolution Supporting the Grand River Waterway Project**

Moved by Carol Scholma, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the following resolution, and to request a presentation at the August 13, 2018 meeting, with action on the resolution to take place on the same agenda:

GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP  
1515 Baldwin Street  
Jenison, Michigan 49428

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Georgetown, County of Ottawa, Michigan, held at the Township Office in said Township on the August 13, 2018, at 7:30 p.m.

Present:  
Absent:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by member \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by \_\_\_\_:

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING  
THE GRAND RIVER WATERWAY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Grand River Waterway Project is an initiative that will benefit West Michigan by safely linking the Grand River water course from Lake Michigan to downtown Grand Rapids; and

WHEREAS, the Grand River Waterway Project proposes to enhance shallow-draft navigation along a 22.5 mile stretch of the Grand River between the Fulton Street Bridge in Grand Rapids to the Bass River Tributary in Ottawa County for the purpose of improved recreational boating and fishing; and

WHEREAS, the Grand River has recently been the focus of renewed interest as a source of enhanced recreation; and

WHEREAS, the resulting exponential growth in dollars generated from recreational boating and tourism and related commercial activity merits the support and influence of this body; and

WHEREAS, the scenic and recreational value of this stretch of the Grand River has untapped potential to improve the quality of life for West Michigan residents; and

WHEREAS, a sensitivity to the protection of water quality and fish and wildlife habitats along the river course is an integral part of the Grand River Waterway Project; and

WHEREAS, a State-funded feasibility study has been completed and a study to investigate the environmental and economic impacts is underway; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has appropriated \$1.15 million for further environmental testing and dredging in the Fiscal Year 2019 State budget; and

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Georgetown Township Board supports in concept all efforts to explore and implement the objectives of the Grand River Waterway Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Georgetown Township Board supports the Grand River Waterway Project in its efforts to work towards the goal of creating and maintaining a safe, navigable waterway along the Grand River connecting West Michigan to Lake Michigan and the Great Lakes.

Yeas:  
Nays:  
Absent:

MOTION CARRIED AND RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Georgetown Township

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Richard VanderKlok, Clerk  
Georgetown Township

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#180703-07 – 2019 Budget Schedule**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the 2019 Budget Schedule as follows:

August 20, 2018	Special Meeting 5 p.m.	Board Budget Workshop
August 27, 2018	Regular Board Meeting	Tentative Board Approval
September 10, 2018	Regular Meeting	Public Hearing

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#180703-08 – Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**#180703-09 – Library Project**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to authorize the Superintendent to award bids and sign any and all documents necessary related to excavation, utilities and infrastructure as part of the library construction project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#180703-10 – Other Business**

1. Board goal: Sale of 200 Baldwin Street excess property.

The Superintendent updated the committee on the status of this goal.

**#180703-11 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.