

MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 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

#180207-01 - Finance Committee Minutes of January 3 and January 10, 2018

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to approve the Finance Committee minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#180207-02 – Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 2018-07, Mineral Mining Ordinance Revision

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-07, Mineral Mining Ordinance Revision, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP MINERAL MINING ORDINANCE

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GEORGETOWN (the “Township”) ORDAINS:

Article I. Sec. 27-72 of the Mineral Mining Ordinance is revised to read as follows:

Sec. 26-72. Definitions.

For purposes of this article, the following definitions and provisions shall apply:

(a) Mineral mining official: The **engineer zoning administrator** of Georgetown Charter Township or such other person as from time to time appointed by resolution of the township board.

(d) Review board: A mineral mining review board (the "review board") is hereby created. The review board shall consist of **two members of the township board appointed by the township board and two members of the members of** the township planning commission **appointed by the township supervisor subject to confirmation by the township board and a mineral mining official. The terms of the members of the review board shall be three years but in no event longer than their respective official tenures.** Meetings of the review board shall be open to the public and shall be held as necessary to consider applications for licenses or to take other actions as provided by this article. A meeting shall be held within 45 days of receipt by the township of an application for a license. Action of the review board requires a concurring vote of not less than **a majority of the three** members. The review board shall keep a record of its proceedings, findings and determinations, which shall be a public record and shall be filed in the office of the township clerk. The review board may establish rules to govern its procedures and may call on other township officials or boards for assistance in the performance of its duties.

Article II. Except as specified above, the balance of the Georgetown Charter Township Mineral Mining Ordinance, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Article III. Severability. In the event that any one or more sections, provisions, phrases, or words of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall be found to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or the enforceability of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases, or other words of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment, and the balance of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Article IV. Effective Date. This Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall become effective upon the expiration of seven (7) days after the date this Ordinance/ordinance amendment or a summary thereof appears in the newspaper after adoption as provided by law.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#180207-03 - Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 2018-08, Distillery Ordinance Revision

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Carol Scholma, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-07, Distillery Ordinance Revision, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP LIQUOR LICENSE AND CONTROL ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW AND REVISED SUBSECTION 4-6(a)(18) (and delete subsections 4-6(a)(19) and (20)) REGARDING DISTILLERIES AND TASTING FACILITIES RELATED THERETO.

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

Article I. A new and revised Subsection 4-6(a)(18) is hereby added to the Georgetown Charter Township Liquor License and Control Ordinance (which will amend the existing Subsection 4-6(a)(18)) to read as follows:

(18) Any premises that has a distillery that produces spirits on site or has a distillery that produces spirits on site that also serves such spirits to customers on site are prohibited unless the activities, sales or dispensing regarding the spirits produced on site is limited to the following:

- a. The manufacturing and distillery of spirits.
- b. The sale of spirits in sealed bottles or containers to customers (not to be consumed on site).
- c. Allowing members of the general public to taste or sample such spirits produced on site. However, customers may not be charged a fee or other monetary consideration for such sample and the sample may not involve the mixing of spirits with any other drinks (i.e. the spirits produced on site may not be mixed with soda pop, quinine water, juice, fruit, ice cream, drink mixes or any other alcoholic or nonalcoholic beverages).
- d. If any food is served to customers on site or there is any fee for sampling any spirits produced on site, then the requirements of Subsections 4-6(a)(15) and (16) for a restaurant shall apply. If the

distillery qualifies as a restaurant and receives all approvals from the Township for a restaurant, then any samples given to members of the public on site may involve a fee or a monetary consideration and the spirits produced on site may be sold for consumption on site and may be mixed with other beverages for on-site consumption if the appropriate liquor license is obtained from the Township and the state and all other Township ordinance requirements are met.

A distillery that is open to the public shall also comply with all of the following:

- i. The distillery may be open to the public only from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- ii. The distillery shall have no more than 10 seats for members of the public unless it also meets the requirements for a restaurant pursuant to Subsections 4-6(a)(15) and (16).

The Township Board may attach conditions to the operation of any such distillery.

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This new Subsection 4-6(a)(18) shall replace and supersede Subsections 4-6(a)(18), (19) and (20) previously adopted by the Township Board for Georgetown Charter Township on December ____, 2017.

Article II. Except as specified above, the balance of the Georgetown Charter Township Liquor License and Control Ordinance, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Article III. Severability. In the event that any one or more sections, provisions, phrases, or words of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall be found to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or the enforceability of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases, or other words of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment, and the balance of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Article IV. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon the expiration of the thirtieth day after publication after adoption. This ordinance was read for the first time on _____, 2018, published on _____, 2018, read for the second time and adopted by the Georgetown Charter Township Board on _____, 2018, published for the second time on _____, 2018, and effective thirty days from second publication.

Richard VanderKlok, Clerk
Georgetown Charter Township

Attachment: [changes](#)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#180207-04 – Reconsider Distillery Liquor License Application

The resolution is to reconsider as requested by Township Board at the January 8, 2018 meeting.

Attachments: [Resolution regarding Michigan Moonshine LLC Zoning and Compliance Agreement](#)

#180207-05 – Discuss Road Commission Wetland Proposal

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to recommend to the Township Board to authorize the Township Superintendent to enter into any and all agreements including signing easements with the Ottawa County Road Commission and the State of Michigan to create the wetland area adjacent to Maplewood Lake as proposed on the Maplewood Park [Master Plan](#).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#180207-06 – Ice Center Update

The committee reviewed options to privatize the ice center.

#180207-07 – Library Update

The Superintendent presented an update on the formation of a focus group to help establish priorities for floor space in the newly proposed library building.

#180207-08 – Sale of Excess Property at 200 Baldwin

The committee discussed the potential sale of the excess property at 200 Baldwin.

#180207-09 – Communications, Letters and Reports**#180207-10 – Public Comments**

No public was present and there were no public comments.

#180207-11 – Other Business

Board goals:

1. Sale of 200 Baldwin Street excess property;
2. Explore privatization of options for the Ice Center;
3. Town Hall meetings.

#180207-12 – Adjournment

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to adjourn at 9:17 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.