Georgetown Charter Township

1515 Baldwin St., Jenison, MI  49428

Finance Committee Meeting Agenda
February 27, 2019, 8:15 a.m.

1. PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Finance Committee is changing the meeting date for the Wednesday, March 6, 2019 meeting to Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 8:15 a.m., at the Georgetown Township Offices, 1515 Baldwin Street, Jenison, Michigan.

Richard VanderKlok, Clerk
Georgetown Charter Township

Posted:  11:30 a.m., Monday, February 18, 2019

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3. Roll Call

4. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Previous Meeting

5. Supervisor’s Replacement Appointments

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5. Communications, Letters And Reports
   Letter From Cindy & Austin Bekken EMAIL REGARDING BERTHA VANHEUKELOM.PDF
   Ordinance 3.23 And 6887 Northbeech Ct.
   Documents:
     EMAIL.PDF
     FULLSIZERENDER (1).JPG
     FULLSIZERENDER.JPG
     IMG_5321.JPG
     IMG_5323.JPG
6. Public Comments
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment
My son Austin & his wife Brandi wrote the email.
We allow you to read this email at the next township meeting.
And to Dan Hamming...thanks again for listening to my daughter Britney's phone call & having her grandma's drive plowed.
We are extremely grateful.

Cindy Bekken

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Austin Bekken <austinbekken@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 15, 2019, 10:51 AM
Subject: Bertha VanHeukelom
To: Brandi Bekken <brandibekken@gmail.com>

I'm writing this on behalf of Bertha VanHeukelom. In the hours before her passing she wanted to make sure everyone she cared about knew how she felt and so she asked me to convey her thanks to your entire department.

Eleven years ago marks the death of her loving husband Glen, and the most trying time in her life. Since then, she's always felt more at ease and just generally safer due to the consistent consideration shown by your team. It just goes to show that even the smallest example of compassion such as knocking on a door to say hello can be the difference that makes someone's day brighter. She dearly appreciated that you were all able to help her one last time by plowing her driveway to make sure she could get to the hospital. It allowed her to spend the last of her time in peace and gave her enough time to see all of her family. She wished the best for all of you.

I'll leave you with the last words she gave me for you.

"I need them to know that everything they did meant the world to me."
From: G. M. Chapman <GmotoQ@protonmail.ch>
Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2019 10:12 AM
To: James Wierenga <JWierenga@georgetown-mi.gov>; Rich VanderKlok <rvanderklok@georgetown-mi.gov>; Carol Scholma <cscholma.georgetown@gmail.com>; Mike Bosch <bosch.georgetown@gmail.com>; Jason Minier <jasonmichaelminier@hotmail.com>; schwalm.georgetown@gmail.com; Becky Steele <bsteele.georgetown@gmail.com>
Subject: Ordinance 3.23 and 6887 Northbeech Ct.

Dear Supervisor Wierenga and members of the board:

By way of introduction, my wife Geilyn and our three children have happily been longtime residents of Georgetown Township and one of the first homes in The Beechgrove Development. I am sending you this request to discuss and potentially identify a solution to update Ordinance Sec. 3.23. An ordinance which is not equipped to deal with modern LED lighting in residential districts. And our personal situation.

On January 23, 2018 Georgetown Township Code Enforcement Officer Richard Nawrocki wrote to me, Ordinance Sec 3.23 deals with light projection, the direction the light points.

Ordinance Sec. 3.23 does not include important factors such as lumens, specifically define shielding, address glare, and inadequately defines shedding of light which is also referred to as light trespass- the amount of light that sheds onto an adjacent property.

Officer Nawrocki wrote that more residential complaints are arising due to the new LED technology.

Surprisingly the attached photos will serve as an example of LED lights that were determined by Officer Nawrocki to be compliant with Ordinance Sec. 3.23.

Based upon Officer Nawrocki’s January 22nd 6pm inspection he wrote the LED lights in question were considered shielded by glass and only project light down. However as you can see in the photos taken at 9pm, the powerful high lumen LED bulbs create intense glare, illuminate the inside of our home and our once dark private patio and back yard is now bright, every night since fall 2018.

We ask that this matter be given immediate attention on two fronts. First please reconsider the issue we are facing with the inside of our home and our back yard being unwelcomely illuminated. Secondly your consideration to update Ordinance Sec. 3.23. We are also offering to volunteer on a committee or as you recommend to model/develop/recommend an ordinance that takes into consideration modern LED lighting technology.

Resources are available to update the existing ordinance. Sample ordinances from the Illuminating Engineering Society and IDA are free and available. Ordinances from other townships and municipalities may also be modeled and proposed following any ordinance passing procedure.
We appreciate your time and consideration.

Warm regards,
Greg and Geilyn Chapman
6887 Northbeech Ct.

Sec. 3.23
EXTERIOR LIGHTING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.
All lighting of a high intensity nature on residential properties, intended to illuminate broad areas, shall be directed away from, and if necessary shall be shielded to prevent the shedding of light onto adjacent residential properties or roadways.