

VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN, OHIO

RESOLUTION 1233

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN, OHIO AND BENJAMIN L. CROWE

WHEREAS, Benjamin L. Crowe (“Property Owner”) is the fee simple owner of an interest in certain real property identified as parcel 31-058664.0000 (43.25 acres) on Brown County’s tax map (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner desires to petition the County Commissioners of Brown County to annex the Property into the Village of Georgetown (the “Village”); and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner wishes to annex into the Village to avail the Property of the services of the Village, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, police and fire protection, and other services that the Village can provide or cause to be provided to the property, subject to the reasonable approvals of Brown County and the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Administrator has negotiated a Pre-Annexation agreement (Exhibit A), with the Property Owner.

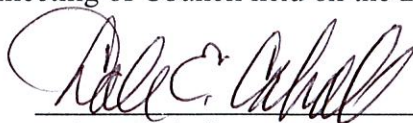
BE IT RESOLVED, By the Council of the Village of Georgetown, Brown County, Ohio, a majority or more of all members thereof concurring as follows:

SECTION 1: The Mayor of the Village of Georgetown is hereby authorized to execute a pre-annexation agreement with Benjamin L. Crowe as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made part hereof.

SECTION 2: That the Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed and adopted at a legally convened meeting of Council held on the 22nd day of October, 2020.



Dale E. Cahall, Mayor

ATTEST:


Natalie K.R. Newberry, Fiscal Officer

**PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN, OHIO AND BENJAMIN L. CROWE**

This Pre-Annexation Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this ___ day of September, 2020, between The Village of Georgetown, Ohio (the “Village”) and Benjamin L. Crowe (“Crowe”) under the following circumstances:

WHEREAS, Benjamin L. Crowe (“Property Owner”), is the fee simple owner of an interest in certain real property identified as parcel 31-058664.0000 (43.25 acres) on Brown County’s tax map (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner desires to petition the County Commissioners of Brown County to annex the Property into the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner wishes to annex into the Village to avail the Property of the services of the Village, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, police and fire protection and other services that the Village can provide or cause to be provided to the Property, subject to the reasonable approvals of Brown County and the Village; and

WHEREAS, the annexation of the Property to the Village will contribute to the economic well-being of the Village and the Village agrees to assist the Property Owner in securing such annexation; and

WHEREAS, the Village and Property Owner agrees to this Pre-Annexation Agreement (“Agreement”) regarding the Village proposed annexation of the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises exchanged herein the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. Petition for Annexation. The Property Owner agrees to file a petition for annexation of the Property within forty-five (45) days of signing this Agreement. It shall be an expedited annexation petition. The Property Owner agrees to diligently and in good faith pursue such annexation to its successful conclusion and to reasonably cooperate with the Village regarding all aspects of the annexation petition process. The Village will caused to be prepared an Annexation Plat reflecting the Property to be annexed into the Village and pay for the costs associated with the preparation of the Annexation Plat as provided for in Section 2 herein. The Village agrees to the following actions necessary to complete the annexation of the Property into the Village:

- a. have an agent attend any hearings on the annexation petition as needed;
- b. pass the necessary resolutions stating the services and improvements the Village will provide to the Property and the date by which those services will be available and plan for anticipated improvements; and
- c. if necessary, assist the Property Owner in any appeal process pertaining to the annexation of the Property.

2. Annexation Petition Costs. In consideration of the Village's promises and obligations herein, the Village agrees to pay the surveyor and filing fees, associated with the filing of the annexation petition up to and including a decision from the Brown County Board of Commissioners.

3. Hunting Privileges. In further consideration of the Property Owner pursuing annexation of the Property into the Village, and notwithstanding any local ordinance prohibiting it, the Village agrees that as part of any such annexation it will permit Owner to engage in hunting on the Property as long as the Property Owner is the legal owner of the Property and follows any other federal or state regulations regarding the permitted activity.

4. Village Property Tax Exemption. In consideration of the Property Owner pursuing annexation of the Property into the Village, the Village agrees to waive the collection of property taxes from the Property Owner owed to the Village for a period of five (5) years beginning from the date the Annexation is finalized. The Property Owner agrees not to divide or subdivide the Property during the pendency of this Agreement.

5. Culvert Repair. In furtherance of the agreement to annex the Property, and the obligations of the parties herein, the Village agrees to investigate and make any necessary repairs or replacement to the culvert located in front of the Property. The Village shall be entitled to determine the scope of such repair.

6. Recovery of Village's Fees. Should the Property Owner take any action requested by the Village, or fail to take any action requested by the Village, that results in the annexation of the Property being denied annexation by the Board County Board of Commissioners, then the Property Owner agrees to reimburse the Village for any and all reasonable fees and costs which the Village has been required to expend regarding the annexation of the Property including, but not limited to, engineering, survey and attorney fees and costs.

7. Execution. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by either party hereto and by all parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which, when so executed and delivered to the other parties, shall be deemed an original. All such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

8. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement should be or become fully or partly invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever or violate any applicable law, this Agreement is to be considered divisible as to such provision and such provision is to be deleted from this Agreement, and the remainder of this Agreement shall be deemed valid and binding as if such provision were not included herein.

9. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

10. No Third Party Beneficiary. Except as otherwise specified herein, the provisions of this Agreement are for the exclusive benefit of the Village and the Property Owner, any lender providing financing to the Property Owner and his successors, assigns, and transferees, and not

for the benefit of any other person or entity, nor shall this Agreement be deemed to have conferred any rights, express or implied, upon any other person or entity.

11. Entire Agreement/Merger. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter set forth herein and supersedes any and all other agreements, oral or written.

12. Assignment. The respective rights and obligations of the respective parties to the Agreement shall not be assigned without the prior written consent of the other party.

13. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended, modified, superseded, rescinded, or cancelled only by a written instrument executed by the parties to this Agreement.

14. No Presumption Against Drafter. Each of the parties has jointly participated in the negotiations and drafting of this Agreement and no presumptions or burdens of proof shall arise favoring any party related to the Agreement.

15. Village Council Approval. This Agreement is subject to approval by the Georgetown Village Council and shall become effective when signed by all parties.

BENJAMIN L. CROWE

Oct 26 2020
Date

Benjamin L. Crowe

VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN, OHIO

Oct. 22, 2020
Date

By Dale Cahall
Dale Cahall, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

Joseph J. Braun
Joseph J. Braun, Village Solicitor

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