

WINDSOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MAY 23, 2017
MEETING ROOM – 7:30 PM

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Supervisor Braman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Braman, Rumsey, Fritts, Piper and Pray.

Absent: Myers and Slucter.

Piper moved and Pray seconded to approve the agenda as written. Carried: 5-0.

Piper moved and Pray seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried: 5-0.

REPORTS:

Sherriff's Report: None.

Planning Commission: Pray reported the Public Hearing for Verizon Wireless Special Use Permit was held at their last meeting, May 10, 2017.

Emergency Services Department:

Chief Miller reported: 1) The Toyne fire truck demo didn't sell at the trade show in Pennsylvania last weekend. Arrangements are being made to bring it back to Michigan for our inspection, to see if it will meet our needs. 2) **Braman moved and Rumsey seconded to: Accept the resignation of Ava Drake; Approve the hiring of Corey Lewis, as Pool Paramedic; Approve the hiring of April Parker, as Paid on Call EMT Trainee; and approve the hiring of Troy "Anthony" Browning, as Paid on Call Firefighter Trainee. Carried: 5-0.**

Other Reports & Announcements: None.

HEAR PUBLIC PRESENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Pray moved and Piper seconded to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Verizon Wireless SUP application for the installation of an unmanned wireless communication facility on Holt Hwy. Carried: 5-0.

Braman introduced the Proposed Ordinance, Authorizing and Permitting Commercial Medical Marihuana Facilities. For 2018, the State of Michigan will be authorizing commercial medical marihuana facilities with five licenses. There will be Growers, Secure Transporters, Processors, Safety Compliance Facilities and Provisioning Centers. What we are allowed to do is decide if we are going to allow some licenses or not allow some licenses. It seems to be the consensus of the township not to allow the dispensaries or what is being called, provisioning centers. This proposed ordinance was prepared with this in mind and we will not be authorizing licenses for provisioning centers. The proposed ordinance was put together on how to regulate the rest of the authorized licensing; processor, secure transporter, grower and safety compliance facility (which will have to be licensed by the State of Michigan prior to applying in our township). There will be limitations on how many permits will be allowed. For example, just because there are 10 permits available doesn't mean we will have 10 facilities. It will go by how many plants per permit. One facility could potentially require all 10 permits. Due to the State of Michigan's licensing fees and the cost of the township's fees and permits, the odds of people getting into this type of business is low, unless they have lots of money. This could be a way to bring additional revenue into the township. Right now we supplement the State at the secondary complex quite a bit with emergency services and it doesn't look like we are going to get a whole lot of money from them any time soon. Due to, unfortunately, being behind in regards to how many full time emergency services personnel we have at this time. This additional revenue could help fill this void. The township already has a medical

marijuana ordinance in place which allows for the 2012 licensing. This ordinance allows for the caregivers on a residential basis, which we do not benefit from. This new proposed ordinance is only a portion of the process, the Planning Commission has a public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm for a proposed zoning ordinance amendment, regulating these licenses as special uses. On top of the fees and taxes for buildings, the township might receive, the State of Michigan will be putting 3% of all sales into a fund and distributing 25% back to the municipalities who authorize licensing. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the township office and on the township's website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

HEAR PUBLIC PRESENT ON ANY SUBJECT:

Roger Rich expressed concerns about the township roads. For example, last summer all the county did was paint Windsor Hwy. black. Every bump, every crack and every pothole that was there before is still there. Requesting something else be done this year. Supervisor Braman will contact Blair Ballou with Eaton County Road Commission.

With no further business **Rumsey moved and Piper seconded to adjourn the meeting. Carried 5-0. Adjourned at 7:51 pm.**

Lisa A. Rumsey, Clerk
Windsor Charter Township