

WINDSOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 24, 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, Myers, Piper, Pray and Slucter

Absent: None

Slucter moved and Piper seconded to approve the agenda as written. Carried: 7-0.

Rumsey moved and Fritts seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried: 7-0.

Supervisor Braman called the Public Hearing to order for the 2018 Budgets at 7:34 pm.

No public comments.

Closed Public Hearing at 7:35 pm.

REPORTS:

Sherriff's Report: Discussion took place with Deputy Holliday about the speeding of vehicles on Canal Road as well as Creyts Road. Also the overgrown grass, in the right of way, at the corner of Creyts and Bishop Road was discussed.

Planning Commission: None

Sewer Board: Slucter reported the October 19th meeting was cancelled.

Emergency Services Department: Chief Miller reported 1) This week Emergency Services will be participating in Trunk or Treating at Dimondale Elementary School as part of the Fall Festival and was asked to participate in Truck or Treat, an event at Sam's Club on Edgewood Blvd. 2) Last week, a State EMS inspection was performed and everything passed with no issues. 3) There has been discussion within the Eaton County Chiefs meetings on developing a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System "MABAS" division here in Eaton County. More information will be coming within the next few months.

Assessor: Preston reported 1) Finishing up the field work on the final batch of new construction and will check back in December for completed improvements. 2) Working on mapping issues with the county. 3) Also working with Veterans on previous years' exemptions not being filed timely.

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Braman reported having received quite a bit of new interest in the Windsor Commerce Parkway (previously known as Lansing Road Corridor), from software companies to coffee companies.

Other Reports & Announcements: None

HEAR PUBLIC PRESENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Slucter offered and Piper supported the adoption of the 2018 Budget: the General Fund Budget for a total appropriation of \$2,251,169.84; Public Improvement appropriation of \$20,000.00; Street Lights for a total appropriation of \$55,546.84, Fire Hydrant for a total appropriation of \$2,068.00; River Rock Landing \$125.00 expenditures; Sewer Disclosure for a total appropriation of \$450.00.

Yeas: Myers, Piper, Rumsey, Braman, Fritts, Pray and Slucter

Nays: None

Resolution adopted: 7-0.

Braman offered and Pray supported the final adoption of Ordinance No. 43, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 42 to amend the maximum number for the commercial medical marihuana facility permits that may be issued within the township.

Yeas: Slucter, Pray, Fritts, Braman, Rumsey, Piper and Myers

Nays: None

Ordinance No. 43 adopted: 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Slucter moved and Myers seconded to approve the amendments to the 2017 Budget as presented. Carried 7-0.

HEAR PUBLIC PRESENT ON ANY SUBJECT:

Bill Hoelzle questioned the reason for the newly adopted change in the number of medical marihuana facility permits. Supervisor Braman responded we would be able to follow in a much more orderly process if we had them available. He proceeded to explain the steps needed to obtain a permit, the first being applying and obtaining approval for a special use permit. The number of permits does not necessarily mean the number of facilities. The Class C permits can be stacked, allowing one facility to have more than one permit. Even if we have permits available, we don't necessarily have to issue them. Trustee Slucter added when the ordinance was initially approved it was to get things on the books until we had a better understanding of the state's regulatory process. The reason for the increase in permits was to insure the township of being on the cutting edge of having the most amount of revenue possible coming into our township because of the way the revenue sharing from the state allows from the permit fees.

Russ Kogut commented he would rather pay taxes than allow medical marihuana facilities in our community. In 2008, the State of Michigan, by ballot and the voters passed a medical marihuana licensing act. This allows residents in the community to grow in their home without regulation. The State has now learned from this and regulations are being set in place for the new 2018 law that commercializes the product. **Mr. Kogut expressed concern about bringing big businesses into this community with no control.** The required Special Use Permits and Facility Permits are subject to annual renewal. The Township will exercise control and deny renewals if facilities are not compliant.

Mary Uerling expressed concern with regulations and how it will be controlled. Also concerned with air quality and how it will affect people. The state will be releasing the regulations very soon. No facility will be able to go outside the state measures and will be regulated by the State of Michigan. This is not a recreational product, it is strictly a medical product. Part of the process of growing, distributing and handling this is the number of levels of licenses that are required. This township is not allowing Provisioning Centers or what you might call Dispensaries. There's also a license for a secure transport, that secure transport is required to track and log every single product that leaves a grower, goes to a processor and then to a provisioning center. The state will be keeping track, insuring all product can be accounted for; because they want the revenue and that no one is receiving the product other than the ones that are supposed to receive the product. Because of the investment that will be required to meet state mandate and as they are subject to an annual Special Use Permit from the township, the air handling, filtering systems for these facilities are going to be of the highest quality. We have been advised there will be an odor near the building, but by the time you make it the parking lot that odor should be gone. The township has setbacks in place and there shouldn't be an issue with odor between property lines. There will be buffers in place and if by chance there is still odor, the township will have the ability to work with the companies to solve any odor issues.

Don Mann has major concerns with the odor. As it has been stated the state will probably be issuing guidelines that haven't been developed yet.

Joe Neller, representing Green Peak Industries LLC, responded that yes the state will be controlling the environmental impact, not just pesticides and fertilizers but also odor mitigation. During the Windsor Township Special Use Permit process there were a series of questions on odor mitigation and security. Infiltration systems were discussed and the HVAC system. Every inch of the facility will be gated and every inch of the facility will be under camera. It will be monitored with 24 hour live feed to law enforcement and regulatory bodies. Certain areas will have restricted access and will only be accessed by key level employees with biometric fingerprint scanners. Everyone will have to pass by a security vestibule before entering the building. This is going to be a pharmaceutical grade,

professional run facility. Research is being done with treatment for Veterans PTSD. Medical Marihuana could be an alternative treatment to the more traditional pharmaceutical products and does not have the side effect of overdose.

Bill Hoelzle expressed his concern over medical marihuana being illegal at the federal level. The federal government's practices were discussed relating to states with medical marihuana laws.

Adam Schwallier wanted to check current status on permits. There has only been one special use permit application received and that special use permit has been issued. At this time no medical marihuana facility application have been submitted, so no permits have been issued.

The amount of revenue the township might receive from the state for medical marihuana permits as well as township property taxes were discussed.

Beverly Starrak has concerns about the odor, noise, water, power and traffic. The water for the property will be supplied from Lansing Board of Water & Light. The plan is to install a substation to provide power to the facility, so has not to impact the surrounding areas, working with Consumers Energy. It's not a high noise facility and the traffic is subject to employee numbers.

Ed Culberson expressed his concerns about medical marihuana not being legal by federal law and what it will do to property values.

Ken Watterson concerned about the aesthetics of the facility. Creyts Road being the main entrance into Dimondale. The current plan for the building is very attractive.

Arnoldo Martinez expressed he was in favor of the development and revitalization of the Windsor Commerce Parkway (previously known as Lansing Road Corridor), bringing business and revenue into our community.

Trustee Pray contributed, being in the medical field, she has received information that the federal government is going to start restricting the amount of opioids a doctor can prescribe. She has watched people suffer with pain, seizures, Parkinson's disease and Muscular Dystrophy and has seen how medical marihuana can be of benefit in these areas.

With no further business **Pray moved and Myers seconded to adjourn the meeting. Carried: 7-0. Adjourned at 8:58 pm.**

Lisa A. Rumsey, Clerk
Windsor Charter Township