

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ELMWOOD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 10, 2024
IN THE TOWNSHIP HALL**

Call to Order

Supervisor Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Shaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Chris Mikowski, Terry Lautner, Dave Darga, Kyle Trevas, Jordan Gallagher, Jeff Shaw, and Connie Preston

Excused: None

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Trustee Gallagher stated that he was involved with Bay View Distillery. MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DARGA TO RECUSE TRUSTEE GALLAGHER FROM ITEM 11B. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Public Comment:

Rick Robbins

Jack Kelly

Chris Fredrickson

Consent Calendar:

Department Reports:

Treasurer
Planning/Zoning
Fire Chief
Harbormaster

Committee Reports:

Minutes:

4-18-24
5-8-24
5-24-24

Post Audit Invoices 5-15-24 through 6-4-24

MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DARGA TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda approval

MOTION BY TRUSTEE DARGA, SECONDED BY CLERK PRESTON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Supervisor Remarks

In addition to his written report, Supervisor Shaw added that Discovery Pier was awarded a one- million- dollar Brownfield grant that was submitted through the Township. He also spoke of a resident wishing to have the speed limit lowered on M22 but that the State Police can set speed limits at whatever the speed of 85% of the cars are travelling.

Trustee Remarks

Trustee Trevas supported the idea of lowering the speed limit on M22. He stated that the legislature is proposing severe penalties for motorists that hit a biker or pedestrian.

Engineer's Report

None

Other Officer Remarks

Commissioner Jim O'Rourke stated that the Commission interviewed eight candidates for the Administrator/CFO position and narrowed the field down to two.

Communications from the Clerk

Clerk Preston stated that absentee voter ballot applications are coming in and ballots will be here by the third week of June.

Old Business

None

New Business

Text Amendment/Special Event Facilities

Sara Kopriva, Planning Consultant with Beckett & Raeder, presented the text amendment to add Special Event Facilities to the Zoning Ordinance. She stated that nothing had changed since it was introduced last month. She did provide maps illustrating all 40+ acre properties in the township. MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DARGA TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2024-01 FOR SPECIAL EVENT FACILITIES. The motion passed 7-0 by a roll call vote.

Bay View Distillery On-Premise Tasting Room License Request

Trustee Gallagher moved to the audience.

Planner Sarah Clarren presented the request for an on-premise tasting room permit for Bay View Distillery. She referenced her memo explaining that the Planning Commission had approved the site plan review for the distillery and then a site plan review and special use permit for a distillery tasting room. MOTION BY TRUSTEE DARGA, SECONDED BY CLERK PRESTON THAT THE APPLICATION FROM BAY VIEW DISTILLERY INC FOR A NEW ON-PREMISES TASTING ROOM PERMIT (SPECIFIC TO THE DISTILLERY AND DISTILLERY TASTING ROOM APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION) TO BE LOCATED AT 8525 E LINCOLN ROAD, CEDAR, MI 49621 BE RECOMMENDED TO THE MLCC FOR APPROVAL. The motion passed 6-0 by a roll call vote.

Trustee Gallagher rejoined the Board.

Taproot On-Premise Tasting Room License Request

Ms. Clarren also presented the request from Taproot Farms and Cidery for an on-premise tasting room. The Planning Commission approved a site-plan review and special use permit for an on-premise tasting room. MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON, SECONDED BY TREASURER MIKOWSKI THAT THE APPLICATION FROM TAPROOT FARMS AND CIDERY LLC FOR A NEW ON-PREMISES TASTING ROOM PERMIT (SPECIFIC TO THE WINERY AND WINE TASTING ROOM APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION) TO BE LOCATED AT 8844 E LINCOLN ROAD, CEDAR, MI 49621 BE RECOMMENDED TO THE MLCC FOR APPROVAL. The motion passed 7-0 by a roll call vote.

Marina Upgrades

Harbormaster Dan Jenuwine informed the Board that the internet speed issue is being resolved. At one point over the weekend there were 228 devices connected to the internet. Some boats had 5 or 6 items connected at one time. The damaged dock suppression system is being looked at by a mechanical engineer so the problem shouldn't happen again. He also explained that the demolition plan will remove the showers and laundry that customers are expecting. He looked at many options for providing both. The Board looked at each improvement option separately.

Dockwa POS System Upgrade

This additional module will provide for a separate login for each person collecting payments so that there is accountability for each employee.

MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE GALLAGHER TO PURCHASE THE POS MODULE FROM DOCKWA. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

GHP Trash Cans

The current trash cans at the pavilion are cheap plastic that are blown over by the wind.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE TREVAS, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DARGA TO PURCHASE 8 OF THE 37 GALLON METAL TRASH CANS AT \$899.00 EACH, IN BROWN. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Temporary Showers

There was discussion about asking Centerpointe if Elmwood customers could use Centerpointe facilities. Mr. Jenuwine felt that was not a good option due to the long walk from the slips, and danger of people crossing the launching lanes. The Board settled on renting the portable showers for four weeks and then see if Centerpointe would agree to allowing our customers to use Centerpointe facilities during the slower time of year.

MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DARGA TO APPROVE THE SHOWER RENTAL FOR FOUR WEEKS, AUGUST 21 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21 AND HAVE THE HARBORMASTER NEGOTIATE WITH CENTERPOINTE FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Temporary Laundry

MOTION BY TRUSTEE DARGA, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TREVAS TO MOVE PLUMBING AND THE WASHER AND DRYER TO WHERE THE ICE FREEZER IS AND MOVE THE ICE FREEZER TO THE OUTSIDE WALL. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Brewery Creek Parking Signage

Mr. Jenuwine presented sign language and locations for signage at Brewery Creek. MOTION BY TRUSTEE DARGA, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE GALLAGHER TO APPROVE SIGNAGE AS PRESENTED BY THE HARBORMASTER. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Text Amendment/Multi-Dwelling Development Regulations

Planner Sarah Clarren presented the text amendment explaining that this was the same language that was introduced at last month's meeting. MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DARGA TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02, ZO 2017-04-22 A ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REGARDING MULTI DWELLING DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Text Amendment/Align and Reform Alcohol Regulations

Ms. Clarren explained that the Township had received a request for a public hearing on this text amendment. The Zoning Enabling Act allows an interested property owner to request a hearing by certified mail. The Township received an email requesting a hearing with a certified letter on the way. MOTION BY TRUSTEE TREVAS, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DARGA TO PUBLISH ZO 2017-04-23 FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION AT THE BOARD'S JULY 8, 2024 MEETING. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Granicus Renewal

This is the program that monitors the Short-Term rentals and allows citizens to make a complaint regarding violations of the ordinance. Videos may also be uploaded as evidence. Clerk Preston stated that it is completely paid for by short-term rental licenses.

MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON, SECONDED BY TREASURER MIKOWSKI TO APPROVE THE GRANICUS RENEWAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,995.300. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Fireworks Permit Applications

Fire Chief Keith Tampa presented the two requests for fireworks that require prepping of the displays to take place in Elmwood Township. The Chief reviewed the requests and found that there is some additional paperwork needed from the Boom Boom Club. MOTION BY TRUSTEE LAUTNER, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TREVAS TO APPROVE THE FIREWORKS PERMITS PROVIDED ALL DOCUMENTATION IS PROVIDED TO THE CHIEF. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Sound Environments Quote for Audio Upgrade

Clerk Preston informed the Board that there are some needed upgrades to the sound system in the Township hall. There have been sound quality issues during the last several meetings. She added tht the Peg fees that we collect from Charter are to be used for equipment. MOTION BY TRUSTEE TREVAS, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE GALLAGHER TO APPROVE THE EQUIPMENT UPGRADE WITH A NOT TO EXCEED OF \$3000.00. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Schedule Special Meeting

The meeting should include the presentation by the Public Safety Committee regarding upgrading to ALS and the Cherry Bend Park site plan discussion.

MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DARGA TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FOR JUNE 18, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

Payment of Invoices

MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DARGA TO PAY THE INVOICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$146,215.28. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Extended Public Comment

Tim McCalley

Adjournment

Supervisor Shaw adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.