

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH, 2016

PRESENT: ROBERT J. CANNON SUPERVISOR
 KIM MELTZER CLERK
 WILLIAM SOWERBY TREASURER

PAUL GIELEGHEM TRUSTEE
 KENNETH PEARL TRUSTEE
 DEAN REYNOLDS TRUSTEE

EXCUSED: JENIFER WEST TRUSTEE

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Township Board Chambers, Clinton Township Civic Center.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR OUTDOOR MASS WITH TENT AT ST. SHARBLE MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY – 43888 HAYES ROAD.

Point of Information by Mr. Sowerby confirming the actions to call the meeting were in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Mrs. Meltzer explained her office had posted notice of this meeting at 4 p.m. yesterday complying with the 18 hour mandatory notice for today's 11:00 a.m. Special Board Meeting.

Barry Miller, Building Superintendent began the discussion regarding the petitioner's request to host a mass and ground breaking ceremony. He expressed the necessary inspection that would verify no parking on the grass, that the electrical outlet be GFCI Protected, and 3 porta-johns be installed.

Mr. Vito Fortuna, 49547 Sander Dr., Shelby Township, MI 48315, responded that they had secured one porta-john but would comply with Mr. Miller's request.

Mike Bobzin, Fire Marshal, was present to discuss the requirement that the church have 2 fire extinguishers with a minimum rating of 2A10BC, one at each end of the tent. Mr. Bobzin inquired if candles would be lit. Mr. Bobzin also asked what type of tent would be used.

Mr. Fortuna responded that no fire candles would be used on the site and the tent to be used is a 20' x 40' pole tent with no sides. The 300 foot power cord used to power the speakers would be marked off so no one could trip or be injured.

Mr. Bobzin and Mr. Miller both requested that the aisle way between the rows of chairs have a minimum width of 3 feet. They also requested that the tent be set up on Friday no later than 4:30 p.m. The location of the tent will be 300 feet behind the existing building and porta-johns will be positioned 300 feet from the tent. Mr. Fortuna confirmed he will make all this happen.

Mr. Sowerby asked if the 300 foot electrical cord running along the ground was safe.

Mr. Miller responded that this has been done before without any problems.

Mr. Sowerby reiterated the tent will be installed by 4:30 p.m. on Friday and Mr. Miller will do the inspection. If the tent is installed earlier, Mr. Fortuna will notify Mr. Miller.

Mr. Pearl suggested they use a generator in addition to the 300 foot cord because the voltage that comes out of the outlet is 120 and due to the long distance, the conditions of the ground, e.g. wet, and the condition of the cord, there could be a voltage drop. They could rent a small Honda gas generator to alleviate any problems based on those conditions.

Mr. Bobzin said if they do use a generator he would need to know. Location of the generator will be a 20 foot minimum distance from the tent with no gas tanks near it.

Mrs. Meltzer requested the permit fee be waived and Mr. Sowerby reminded the board that that was not allowed. Mr. Reynolds offered to pay the fee.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to approve the request based on the church meeting all the conditions stated in the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Reynolds, Gielegem, Cannon, Sowerby, Meltzer. Absent – West. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Reynolds, supported by Mr. Sowerby, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes – Reynolds, Sowerby, Gielegem, Pearl, Cannon, Meltzer. Absent – West. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KIM MELTZER, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON

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