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**OXFORD VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES**

Village Council Members: David Bailey, Maureen Helmuth, Joe Frost, Allison Kemp, Kelsey Cooke

22 West Burdick Street
Oxford, MI 48371

March 24, 2020

7:00 pm

- 1.) **CALL TO ORDER:** Technical difficulties led to a delay in the calling the meeting to order. As members of the public were present and a quorum of the council also present, President Joe Frost called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.
- 2.) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** With Moment of Silence.
- 3.) **ROLL CALL** Attendance Members Present: Bailey, Cooke, Frost, Kemp. Absent: 1, Helmuth. Staff Present: Village Manager Joseph Madore, Attorney Robert Davis, Police Chief Mike Solwold, Recording Secretary Clerk/Treasurer, Tere Onica.
MOTION: by Frost/Bailey to excuse the absence of council member Helmuth. All present voting in favor. Motion carried.
- 4.) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** March 24, 2020.
MOTION: by Cooke/Frost to approve the telecommunication meeting agenda. All present voting in favor. Motion carried.
- 5.) **CALL TO PUBLIC-**
Joe Cavasati, 3426 Jonathan Rd.-Is looking to relocate business into the Village of Oxford but is getting pushed out by Marihuana industry seeking real estate in Oxford. Mr. Cavasati commented on required regular drug testing with a potential increase in drug related accidents and loss of life. The whole community, children and families will be affected by the marijuana industry. Lloyd, business partner to Mr. Cavasati, spoke in opposition to Adult Use Marihuana Establishments. His business is part of a one-billion-dollar company with 2,500 employees seeking to invest in the Village of Oxford. They believe the village is a great community for small and growing business where they would like to establish roots. Marihuana will have a negative impact to local small business industry growth.
Evelyn Petrowski- Spoke in opposition to Marihuana establishments. It was voted to be legalized which does not translate a voter's intention approving marihuana industry in village business districts. Ms. Petrowski saw a negative impact for local commercial industry.
Brent Jefferies- Local business for 25-years on Glaspie would like to see small businesses in Oxford continue to grow together.
Mike Solwold, Police Chief- Spoke in opposition to Adult Use Marihuana establishments in the Village of Oxford. From a policing perspective it is not a matter of if the village gets a bad element but when. Statistics bear evidence to the issues.
Lori Bourgeau- Inquired about the Commercial Vehicle Ordinance.
- 6.) **CONSENT AGENDA:**
MOTION: by Frost/Kemp to receive and file Consent Agenda items under 8(a) as presented. All present voting in favor. Motion carried.
MOTION: by Cooke/Frost amended by Frost/Kemp to correct February 11, 2020 Village of Oxford meeting minutes correcting typo on page 3 line 14, striking MCL 15.2689 (c) and replace it with MCL 15.268 (c), and approving all other items in 8(b)(i), (ii), (iii) with bills in the amount of \$553,790.71 as presented.

46 **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: 4. Kemp, Cooke, Bailey, Frost. Nays: 0. Absent: 1, Helmuth. Motion
47 carried.

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49 **7.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

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51 **8.) NEW BUSINESS:**

52 a. **Consideration of Temporary Sign Time-Limit Enforcement Moratorium-** Businesses
53 currently have a 30-day limit for temporary banners or signs. Downtown business would
54 like enforcement consideration by way of moratorium through M-24 construction period
55 with a free permit waiving the \$100 fee to be in effect until the end of the MDOT project
56 or November 15, 2020.

57 **MOTION:** by Frost/Kemp to issue a moratorium on temporary banners or signs
58 displayed in the Village of Oxford waiving the \$100 fee until the end of the M-24
59 construction project or until November 15, 2020. All present voting in favor. Motion
60 carried.

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62 b. **Consideration of Temporary Enforcement Moratorium of Zoning Ordinance**
63 **Section 6.1.18B-**

64 Public Comments:

65 Lori Bourgeau, 555 Lakes Edge Dr.- Was in favor of permanently amending Section
66 6.1.18B.

67 Kelly Arkles, 491 Thornhill Dr.- Asked for verification on the process for permanently
68 amending the ordinance. The Definition of commercial vehicles does not include
69 passenger vehicles.

70 **MOTION:** by Cooke/Frost to place a 90-day moratorium to temporarily suspend
71 enforcement of Section 6.1.18B, Commercial Vehicles in Residential Areas, Village of
72 Oxford Zoning Ordinance. All present voting in favor. Motion carried.

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74 **11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8):** None

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76 **12. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

77 Kelly Arkles inquired about what will happen if the pandemic extends beyond 90-days.

78 Lori Bourgeau asked for an extension of the 90-day moratorium to 120-days.

79 Evelyn Petrowski-Question on the number of complaints on commercial vehicles parked in
80 Oxford.


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82 **13. MANAGER, STAFF, & ATTORNEY REPORTS** and Committee Report Updates:

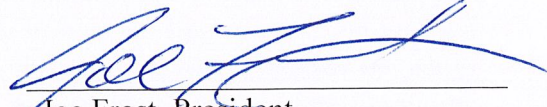
83 a. Manager, staff and attorney.

84 **14. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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86 **15. ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

87 **MOTION:** by Cooke/Kemp to adjourn. All present voting in favor. Motion Carried.

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90 Respectfully Submitted,
91 Teresa L. Onica, Recording Secretary



Joe Frost, President