BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 2023

**Members Present:** Jack Caughey, Jeff Locke, Maureen Sorbet, Chris Tennes, Roger Harris and Barbara Wickerham

**Absent**: Ben Kudwa

**Others Who Attended the Meeting:**

Gary Suits-Benton Township Supervisor, Tammy Foster-Zoning Administrator, Rich Schafer, Hussein Al Tameemi, and Lou Hanft

**Call to Order**

Chairman Jack Caughey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**: Chairman Caughey led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**: Motion to approve agenda as presented Maureen Sorbet, second Jeff Locke.

**Meeting Minutes Approval**:

A motion was made by Barb Wickerham, supported by Maureen Sorbet to approve the minutes of September 7, 2023. Motion carried 6 ayes; 0 nays.

**Public Comment Non-Agenda Items**: None

**New Business**:

1. Special Use Permit SUP2023-002 Automobile Repair Facility (Heavy Vehicles). Applicant Hussein Al Tameemi.

Chairperson Jack Caughey opened the public hearing at 7:05. Tammy Foster, Zoning Planning Commission Administrator introduced the matter and explained to the members of Planning Commission and others present the purpose of the matter at hand.

Public Comment – Lou Hanft commented a heavy-duty automobile repair facility would be a good addition to the township.

Mr. Hussein Al Tameemi provided more information regarding hours of work (8:00 to 5:00 M-F; Saturday 9:00 to noon), only light maintenance on vehicles and no painting. He indicated he would have a service come pick up oil, coolant and any other trash that needed to be disposed of.

Supervisor Caughey closed the public hearing at 7:18.

Chris Tennes made a motion, supported by Jeff Locke to approve the Special Use Permit with the condition that the Fire Department approved the driveway accessibility to the property. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. Tammy Foster gave a summary of activities for September and October. She mentioned SUP2023-001 Hanft’s progress toward compliance and if site plan is completed, the Commission would be able to hear it at the November meeting.

**Old Business:**

Status update of Special Use Permit SUP2023-001 Hanft progress toward compliance status update. Mr. Hanft advised the Commission that he was working on the site plan, had hired a land surveyor and acquired a residential builder company license. He hopes to have all materials to Tammy Foster in time for the December 7 Planning Commission meeting.

No public comments.

Next meeting scheduled for December 7, 2023.

**Adjournment:**

Chris Tennes made a motion to adjourn, supported by Jack Caughey.

Respectively submitted by Barbara Wickerham