

BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE

October 6, 2025

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Gaudard called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board members in attendance were Trustee D. Beynon, Trustee S. Van Dam, Treasurer D. Bonneville, and Clerk W. Simmons.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was opened and closed at 11:05 AM with no public comment.

LAVENDER FARM

The Board welcomed Bill Mansfield of Lavender Farm to discuss the changing of their current Michigan Liquor SDD & SDM License to a Tasting Room License with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (MLCC).

The SDD & SDM license allows to sell retail only with no consumption on sight ~~site~~ can include all types of alcoholic beverages not just those infused with or without lavender.

Mansfield listed the following reasons as to why they are pursuing the tasting room license –

1. Customers want to taste before purchasing.
2. Ability to sell both a wine/spirit flights to be consumed on property.
3. The Room Tasting License will give Lavender Farm the ability to sell to a caterer or restaurant being used on ~~site~~ **site** special venue.
4. Bottles can be sold but can not be consumed on property.

The proposed Tasting Room License will involve Aurora Cellars (2015), LLC dba: Aurora Cellars and High Five Spirits LLC (known as Gypsy Vodka) each as the manufacturer of the wine/spirits Liquor License holder with Lavender Farm being the Participant. The Participant operates the square footage and will manage the point of sale, employees, and set hours. **The Participant square footage includes the entirety acreage of Lavender Farm.**

Lavender Farm will only be able to sell products produced by Aurora Cellars and High Five Spirits, LLC (Gypsey Vodka). A flight of wine will consist of three, 3 oz. pours with 1 water. Spirits will be three ½ oz. pours. Full glasses will not be sold.

The current SDD & SDM license will become null and void once the new Tasting Room license issued. If ownership of the farm were to change or the licensee (Aurora Cellars and High Five Spirits) changes the MLCC license becomes null and void.

As an example, for a wedding venue wine and spirits could be sold in advance to the wedding party and if they wanted beer also Lavender would have the license put in escrow and the party could have beer brought in from another source i.e. Boyne Provisions, Bill & Carols etc.

Currently during a concert, the format has always been bringing your own picnic and drink. The License is always put into escrow during that period to allow for this and no sales can take place.

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WATERFRONT OVERLAY

Per Trustee Van Dam the Planning Commission is still working on this section and Trustee Beynon questioned where did the guidelines for the old and new setback come from originally.

EMS

Supervisor Gaudard is meeting with area township supervisors that also use the City of Boyne City EMS services on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. A copy of our contract has been forwarded to the Township Attorney, James Murray to review and advise.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment opened and closed at 11:00 AM with no comment.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Beynon, seconded by Bonneville to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 AM, passed upon affirmative voice vote of the Board Members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Bay Township Clerk