

VILLAGE OF COLUMBIAVILLE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2019 4:00 P.M.
Columbiaville Community Center 4620 Water St. Columbiaville MI 48421

Village President Tom Wood called the Special Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to discuss the Village's options regarding Marijuana Establishments with in the Village limits and to understand the laws governing those establishments.

Roll Call-Council Present: Tom Wood, Kim Goldorf, Joanne St. Pierre, Todd Deweese and Jamie Medellin.

Council Absent: Barb Harris and Paul Milka

Also Present: Village Clerk Denise Baker

Public Present: Scott Smith, Lisa Kelly, Brion Smith, Lorraine Smith, Chad Hamlin, Lynnae Millard, Mike Johnson, Greg Baker, Lisa Hamlin, Teresa Matthew, Suzanne K. Jones, Donna Hollin, C. Dale Hollin, Brian Garner Village Attorney, Josh Hadley, Mike Taylor, Kendrea Saunders, Dawn Johnson Marathon Township Clerk, Lori Hollis Marathon Township Treasurer, Courtney Bourassa and Brock Millard.

Village President Tom Wood introduced the Village Attorney Brian Garner to the public, at that time Mr. Garner began the informational session of the meeting. He explained Proposal 1 that passed legalizing recreational marijuana which came in effect December 6, 2018. He also explained the 8 classes of licenses for recreational use such as Marijuana Retailers, Marijuana Safety Compliance Facilities, Marijuana Secure Transporters, Marijuana Processors, Marijuana Microbusinesses, Class A, B and C Marijuana Growers.

Mr. Garner explained the Municipal Licensing Process, Village options as far as either completely prohibiting or limits the number of marijuana establishments. He suggested the Village opt-out until the State has is regulations in order. At this time the State does not have all the licensing legalities implemented or created, to avoid any possible law-suits. Mr. Garner also stated that council could just let Zoning handle it, basically only allowing it in Commercial or Industrial areas, without a Special Land Use Permit. He also explained ordinance options. Whatever the council chooses to do, the voters could elect to do the opposite.

Resident and Business Owner Mike Johnson stated that if the council chooses to opt-out that we would be not giving our residents an opportunity to make any money, he feels that the voters voted yes and that's the way it should be, with no restrictions.

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Mike Taylor, Village property owner, stated that the village needs the extra money that could be generated by allowing this.

Village Resident Scott Smith stated that we need more businesses and to let Zoning take of the issue.

Village Resident Lynnae Millard agreed with Council Member Todd Deweese that we should think seriously about any lawsuits, she does not want to lose this town by us getting sued.

Village Resident Pastor Hollin presented the council with an article from Newsweek Magazine and MLive.com.

Village Clerk Denise Baker thanked everyone for attending and stated that Council will be discussing the matter at upcoming meetings.

Adjournment: Motion by Joanne St. Pierre seconded by Tom Wood to adjourn, adjournment 5:50 p.m.

Respectively,

Denise C. Baker, CMC
Columbiaville Village Clerk