

Committee of the Whole/Town Hall Meeting Monday, October 5, 2019 11:00 a.m.

RE: Legalized Adult Recreational Cannabis Dispensary

Trustees/Dept Heads in attendance: Trustee Ryan LeBran, Trustee Robert Redmond, Trustee Brian Tieri, Trustee Brian Billingsley, Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Watson, Village Administrator Catherine Wojnarowski, Finance Director Robert Romo, Community Development Village Deputy Clerk Teresa Richert and Police Chief Don Barber.

Media Present: None

Mayor Pro Tem Watson presided and opened the Meeting.

Administrator Wojnarowski spoke in regards of Public Act 101-0027 effective 1/1/20 legalizing the possession & private use of Cannabis referenced fact sheet from IML printed for anyone interested. Pointed out restrictions in Public places, schools & child care facilities, etc.

Dispensaries can be allowed and regulated by Board decision.

The Village of Bradley can't regulate use but can impose zoning regulations.

The goal is to get public comments to help the board form a decision.

The Village of Bradley has already passed taxing ordinance to keep options open.

If we prohibit, we're done. Otherwise we need to pass further ordinances.

Mayor began calling Public Comment speakers.

#1-Louise Fellers -1580 Rainbow Bend, Bourbonnais, IL –was concerned the Village of Bradley police officers were not trained in this field and how will they receive extra training?

Chief Barber advised that officers would need additional training in this field. Some officers have already started the process but they will need more training.

Administrator Catherine advised that this is not an unfunded mandate because it will be state funded

Louise also stated that Colorado has noticed an increase in auto accidents and was wondering if we were prepared for this.

Administrator Catherine & Chief Barber advised that the Village of Bradley is taking all safety concerns and all officers will be trained properly and swab testing will be done.

Mayor Watson advised that we need to be ready on policing end no matter what we do on the retail end. He also advised that if we do not avail ourselves of the sales tax, we will just have same burden with less revenue.

Mayor Watson asked "What District would the public like to see the Village limit this to?"

Charles Burke of 564 Juniper Lane asked if there would only 1 dispensary in the area.

Mayor Watson advised he was unsure about that at the moment.

Larry Denoyer of 484 Ivy is in favor and advised that it is more natural than pills and better.

Robert Richard 3809 N 2250 W Road was wondering how we would use the cannabis taxes.

Mayor Watson advised that some of the funds would go towards the schools and some to train officers and the rest we are unsure yet.

Administrator Catherine advised that the act is partially unfunded mandate; the sales tax would help us.

The audience asked when there would be a vote.

Administrator Catherine advised there would be another town hall meeting next week.

Mike Neumann of 135 N Fulton supports and feels that there are more pros than cons.

Adjournment.

Jeremiah Richard
Deputy Clerk