

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF GLENWOOD, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON DECEMBER 26, 2019

The DECEMBER 26, 2019 Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Village President Ronald J. Gardiner who led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Upon Roll Call by Village Clerk **Dion Lynch**, the following Trustees responded: **Beckman, Clark, Dawson, Styles, Winston**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Miriam Slaughter

Asked, today it would be either a vote for the Resolution to be on the ballot, right? **Attorney** replied, correct. **Miriam** replied, so if it's on the ballot, I'm trying to understand the wording. Is it so if people want to come to Glenwood to do business, they can do business? **Attorney** replied, it's only for the dispensary, the other item has a moratorium on the other types of Cannabis businesses. The referendum is only if Glenwood should allow a dispensary. He then replied, there would only be one item on the ballot in March. **Miriam** then asked, what's the benefit to saying either yes or no to each one of them? **Attorney** replied, that is more of a political question than a legal question. The benefit of having the moratorium for all the businesses is so that there is no vested right in having a Cannabis business if the public came out and said we don't want a dispensary. The referendum allows the public to have its input. **Miriam** then replied, so then why would the Board say no to possible tax revenue? **Trustee Beckman** stated, this is not really a Board issue. What we are trying to do is give the Public a right to tell us what they want, whether they are willing to have a dispensary or not. Right now, whether we like it or not, we have not heard from the Village, we think it's an important issue, our intention is to go educate what it will really be. **Miriam** then stated, it seems we want to have a moratorium when it suits us, we didn't have one when it came to the Power Plant. She then stated, it is legal January first, whether we like it or not. People will be able to consume Marijuana legally on their private property, this part to me is more of an economic part.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR'S OFFICE:

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE SUBMISSION OF AN ADVISORY PUBLIC QUESTION ON WHETHER CANNABIS (MARIJUANA) DISPENSARIES SHOULD BE ALLOWED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF GLENWOOD, COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS

Trustee: Clark moved; **Second** by **Trustee Styles** to accept the Motion as presented.

Discussion: **Trustee Beckman** asked, what election will this be in? Can we include that language? **Attorney** replied, it will be in March, it's in the Resolution. **Trustee Winston** asked, why not vote for the moratorium first? That way we won't have to even vote for the first one. My other concern is,

having an advisory question, why do we even need it when the Board right now can start discussion with the public at any time. Where there would not be anything binding. We could have this discussion without going to referendum to create an Advisory Board. Why do we need an Advisory Board, referendum question when we can create that anyway? Mayor Gardiner replied, the reason we are putting it on there is because we would want their input. This is just advisory, of whether the Residents want it or don't want it. Trustee Winston asked, what will we do with the information once we gather it. Mayor Gardiner replied, once we have the information, we will have a discussion at the Board level as far as what we want to do. Trustee Dawson stated, I pushed for this to be on the referendum and I did that hoping we would have this discussion earlier, hoping it would not come to this.

Trustee Dawson stated, one of my concerns is this is more less a business and Economic decision that we should have had a long time ago. Homewood already has dispensary, as of January 1 they are going to opt to have a recreational license also, at the same location. The problem is, if we don't hurry and try to jump in before they attempt to move to Halstead there is no way we are going to get one. We almost need to be ahead of the curve and say yes, we would be willing to entertain support someone who wants a dispensary. Although I was for the referendum, sounds like we need to move now so we can pigeonhole Homewood, so we can have that foot hold on Halstead, if we wait for this referendum it may be too late. Yes, we want the Public input but I believe we should move for now and educate as we go. If we want the taxable income, we are doing an injustice. Its different than the Power Plant, I was pro Power Plant that we needed to educate the Residents and bring it out, in this case the only affected Residents would be those who are using it.

Trustee Winston stated, without even going to a resolution to create a public question, couldn't we go ahead and create an Advisory committee to look at the they tie in with out Zoning committee and Police, without waiting until March to get the Public input? We can get them involved now. I would ask that the Board votes no, it seems we are just delaying the process Trustee Dawson stated, I would like us to just sit, wait five minutes and ponder our own thoughts before we vote. Trustee Clark stated, the situation is we aren't trying to sell the idea to people, we want them to allow them to make up their own mind, which is what the question on the ballot will allow. VA Mitchell stated, correct me if I'm wrong but what I'm hearing is we don't want make a decision? If the Residents go one way or the other without the education. As a municipality we can provide information to Residents on both sides of it. We can't tell them to vote for it or against it. My recommendation would be to just put the information out there and you hope the people go out and vote the way they feel about it. At that point it's the Board decision to do as they please with the results that they gather, or just say thanks for your input, but we are going to make the decision that we feel is best for the Board.

Trustee Winston motioned to table, **Second** by **Trustee Dawson** to accept the motion as presented.

Upon Roll Call: Ayes:3 Naes:3 Recues:0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Dawson, Winston

Naes: Beckman, Clark, Styles

Recues: 0

Absent: Hadnott

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: No

Trustee: Clark Moved; Second by **Trustee Styles** to accept the Motion as presented

Upon Roll Call: Ayes:2 Naes:3 Recues:0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Beckman, Clark

Naes: Dawson, Styles, Winston

Recues: 0

Absent: Hadnott

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: No

APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE CREATING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE PROCESSING OR CONSIDERATION OF ANY APPLICATION OR REQUEST TO LOCATE A CANNABIS IN THE VILLAGE OF GLENWOOD.

Trustee: Styles moved; **Second** by **Trustee Clark** to accept the Motion as read.

Discussion: **Trustee Beckman** asked, what is that concerning? Is the moratorium open ended, when is it good until? **Attorney** replied, the moratorium would be in effect until June 30th 2020 or such a date that in amended with this in the future. **Trustee Winston** asked, didn't we do a moratorium on liquor license for Walmart? **Mayor Gardiner** replied, if the license were not used, we rescinded them. **Trustee Winston** stated, anything that is going to hamper businesses from coming into town we don't need. **Trustee Dawson** stated, we have to be adamant about putting out information and we need to do more than we have been doing.

Upon Roll Call: Ayes: 1 Naes:4 Recues: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Clark

Naes: Beckman, Dawson, Styles, Winston

Recues: 0

Absent: Hadnott

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: No

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Eric Slaughter

It's very difficult for the public to understand the agenda if they don't have all the information. The Public elected you all to make these decisions. We would be very amidst to say raise our taxes or lower our taxes if we had a dispensary. I understand people are concerned about their taxes being lowered. This is a Business decision, it's going to increase our ability to get additional tax base. That's something we should be looking for, if we do it in time it will help prevent it from going to Homewood. If you continue to kick the can down the road it won't happen and we will lose additional opportunity You knew you were coming to the deadline a long time ago what have you done, make the decision move forward if the public ask, tell them decided how you decided.

Miriam Slaughter

I think wanting to educate the Public is great, I was talking to another tax payer but. We can't even get our community survey meeting since how long ago? What makes you think we can now have a monthly meeting. Any decision, you not going to make everyone happy. You have to do what best for the majority.

Motion to adjourn

Trustee: Styles Moved; **Second by Trustee** Winston to accept the Motion as presented.

Discussion:

Upon Roll Call: Ayes:5 Naes:0 Recues:0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

Ayes: Beckman, Clark, Dawson, Styles, Winston

Naes: 0

Recues: 0

Absent: Hadnott

Abstain: 0

Motion Approved: Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

The December 26, 2019 Special Board Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.



Dion Lynch, Village Clerk