

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE VILLAGE OF VOLO HELD SEPTEMBER 3, 2019.

The Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Village of Volo was called to order at 7:05 P.M. in the Board Room of the Volo Village Hall, Mayor Stephen Henley presiding.

Roll Call: Trustees Porter, Johnson, Buttita, Northam - present; Trustees Wagner, Heuser - absent. Village Clerk Rydberg - present.

Also present were various staff members.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 2, 2019

Trustee Porter made a motion, seconded by Trustee Northam, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 2, 2019. On voice vote – all “aye”. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION: ADULT-USE CANNABIS BUSINESSES

The Committee discussed whether adult-use cannabis businesses should be prohibited or significantly limited as to location within the Village.

Mayor Henley asked the Trustees if they wished to prohibit adult-use cannabis businesses within the Village. The consensus was to allow adult-use cannabis businesses and develop reasonable regulations consistent with the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. There was unanimous support for a 3% local tax on cannabis.

Administrator May noted that the Act generally preempts local authority, including home rule power; however, municipalities may exercising zoning authority and certain other limited regulatory powers.

The Committee discussed appropriate locations for cannabis businesses. There was opposition to allowing cannabis businesses to locate in residential neighborhoods or too close to sensitive uses (churches, schools, etc.).

Administrator May reviewed the Village’s existing regulations for medical cannabis facilities, noting that the required setbacks from sensitive uses effectively preclude such uses from locating within the Village.

Several Trustees expressed concern about over-regulation. They felt that cannabis businesses should not be treated any different than liquor stores. While they supported reasonable regulations, they did not want those regulations to discourage or effectively preclude cannabis businesses from locating within the Village.

The general preference was for cannabis businesses to be located along major roads and reasonably set back from sensitive uses.

The Committee discussed whether to allow on premise consumption of cannabis products. While several Trustees were open to the idea, they wished to consider the issue further.

Mayor Henley requested that staff prepare draft regulations for review and discussion by the Committee of the Whole at its next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Porter made a motion, seconded by Trustee Buttita, to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote – all “aye”. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie J. Rydberg
Village Clerk