

Arlington Township  
Special Meeting Minutes  
October 30, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor, Jacque Phillippe. Board members were Pitts, Pugsley, DeLeo, and Peterson.

Additions to the meeting agenda: Add adoption of a franchise agreement between Arlington Township and Consumers Energy.?

Motion by DeLeo supported by Peterson to adopt Ordinance #10302019-1, Arlington Township shall renew a gas and/or electric franchise ordinance for a period of 30 years. Motion Carried. The agreement shall be published on November 7, 2019.

Attorney Report-- Brian explained to the Board how the new Recreational Marijuana Growing and Processing rules will work. If the Township wishes to Opt-Out of the program we will have to do it by November 1<sup>st</sup>. 2019. He presented the Board with an ordinance draft if we choose to use it.

Public Comment-- The meeting was opened up to public comment with each speaker limited to 2 minutes. Derek Babcock acted as moderator. Peterson took notes of the public comment session. Those notes are attached to these minutes.

At the completion of public comment DeLeo made a motion supported by Peterson to Adopt Ordinance #19-10, PROHIBITION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS. All members voted yes. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by William Pugsley, Clerk

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Pam Dorstewitz: asked the board to opt out due to not having enough information

Greg Dandino: Board is making good decisions. Consider that it is an AG product. Plants need to get in by April or May

Melody: The board has done well. Our business (Blinkers) has increased and it has brought in over 200%

Dan Hicks: OK to opt out

Glen Cowles: I understand the economy but If citizens have to deal with the emotional comments that I do. I appreciate Brian's litigation comments

Mike Gray: It's a gross misconception; the Influx of money into the Township. You are responsible for an audit. It is not intended to be a windfall profit. The applicant is due a refund after the audit. Marijuana is not a gateway drug

Adam W.: As a consequence of cannabis my life was saved. I almost died due to Krohn's disease. My mother is a police officer but did not want to see me die. I was addicted to pain medications. In 2008, I moved here due to medical marijuana being legalized. Since then, I have had no surgeries or doctor visits other than to get my prescriptions. Recreational marijuana would be a good think and we should be allowed to use it.

Aaron Miller: I was addicted to meth for 5 years. Ching gave me a job and I quit meth because of MM. Everyone is different.

Chris Passmore: To each their own. Prohibition is coming to an end. The concern is lack of grace in the community; running toward the bottomK with parties not concerned with neighbors. There is a lack of acting from the Township

Kyle Holland: I am impressed with the Township Council. I've never known cannabis to break apart families and I've been in the industry 12 years. We are coming into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I have 45 employees; they eat at Blinkers and get gas at Shell. Can we shoot for a February opt in?

Barry O (Kuhla Farms): We should make our neighbors happy. Cannabis has saved my daughter's life. We start planting in February. Stats show that MM reduces to nothing with recreation marijuana.

Steve Danenberg (Ground Control): If you opt out, I hope you have a timeline to have the 3 meetings. Have a goal in mind for February or March so we aren't penalized.

Derek Babcock: There are 2 facts. Over the past year there have been 5 licenses in the Township and 3 in the city. There have been 8 calls in the past year; the Sheriff's call load hasn't increased. As president of the Bangor School Board, it allowed the migrants to stay another month; with up to 30 students for count day. The Police Officer at the school said it has not increased incidents with the kids

Will Pugsley: If we opted in what would the timeline be? Brian responded with 30 days after adopting

Jeff Roe: Don't opt out. Allow these facilities to grow. You should not prohibit growth

Dan Zantello: Opt out. Money should not be the reason. It does change the way people act

Carmine Pistolisi: Who in this room can gain access to marijuana without a medical card?

Durman Wilson: There are unintended consequences. People drive intoxicated There are high rates of break-ins with non-medical use. The provider comes to collect; not so with bar tenders

Jana Schurr: I ma concerned with the Township waiting until the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. Coming in, I passed a lot of cars from different states and I wonder why they are interested.

Justin (Green Standard): If anyone has questions, we are more than willing to talk or share information

Ruth Cowles: Regarding the number of out of state cars. How many people here are residents?

Joe G: We have two people from out of state; Everyone else is local. We've spent about 1.5 million

Clayton Robinson: I'm here to farm. I am not a resident. My intention is to be a part of this community

Corey (Green Standard): People look at things from the outside and not in the middle. Money has nothing to do with it. I am a Christian who supports marijuana

Kevin Northrup: I have 5 kids. I would prefer any of my kids take marijuana rather than alcohol. I am a veteran with PTSD, sleep disorders and without medical marijuana, I cannot function. You would be making it harder for people to get what they need

Marge Wanders: I have a MM establishment right next door. I'm ok with MM if it helps someone. I'm afraid if we opt in , we will open doors that we don't know. My neighborhood has been overpopulated with MM. We don't know what kind of effect this will have on the Township

Will Peterson: The stats show in Michigan that the #1 addiction is alcohol, #2 is opiates and #3 in marijuana. Tell the parents of the couple who were killed by somebody stoned that it isn't an issue

Troy Z (Green Standard) I am a Lawrence resident. Lawrence is looking at this. I'm ok with it. It's not rogue. Money grab? Do you know how much the state charges people to dot this? February would be nice.

Annie Davidson Funke: Home many people live in this State? How many people live in Van Buren County?