



Village of Breedsville

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Special Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 10, 2021

7:00 PM

Village Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 pm The Special Meeting was convened based on notice.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by all

3. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Trustee Larry Weniger, Trustee - Pro Temp William "Billy" Yeager, President Steven Rogusta, and Trustee Bruce Hibma, Clerk Linda Norton

EXCUSED: Trustee Tim Weniger

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.1 Resident Complaint

President Rogusta indicated that the meeting was called in order to allow the Board to address the complaints submitted by the Griffins regarding the commercial grow operation located near the Griffin residence. Mrs. Griffin said that she would tape-record the meeting and the Board did not object. Graham said that, when the Village received the Griffin complaint, the Village immediately investigated the situation. Village President Rogusta went to the area and could not detect any odor coming from the commercial grow. The Village then scheduled an on-site visit at the grow facility for President Rogusta, Clerk Norton, and Attorney Graham. They toured the site walked the property. They went into the greenhouse structures and looked at the fogging system. Attorney Graham said that there was no offensive odor whatsoever. He said that there was a mildly sweet odor similar to what is smelled in a flower greenhouse.

The Board considered the fact that one or more of the Griffins' neighbors grew marijuana both indoors and outdoors. Indoor growing led to year-round flowering and significant odor. The Griffins noted that the odor from one plant grown by their son was very strong. President Rogusta stated that some of the plants grown by the Griffins' neighbors were very tall and appeared to be flowering.

Attorney Graham said that the grow facility could be divided into pre-flowering and flowering time periods. There is little odor during the pre-flowering time period. There is a significant odor during the flowering time period. It appears that nothing can be done to effectively remediate odor. In addition, there is no known way to measure odor in an objective and scientific way. Graham said that there is no evidence that the grow operation emitted offensive odors during the pre-flowering stage. There is nothing to be done during flowering. The discussion turned to the noise generated at the commercial grow operation. Attorney Graham asked questions about the machinery being used that was loud and the hours of operation for the machinery. Clerk Norton produced a copy of the Village noise ordinance. Graham indicated that he would access the relevant state statute. The Griffins walked out of the meeting. Attorney Graham told the Board that the Village acted promptly and appropriately in response to all complaints by the Griffins. It seems most likely that any offensive odor in the area of the Griffin residence is the result of plants being.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

5.1 Resident Sumner ask questions to the Board

Resident Sumner arrived late to the meeting and asked the same questions that the Griffins had asked earlier. Attorney Graham and the board answered these questions.

6. BOARD COMMENTS:

No Board Comments

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjournment

Moved by Trustee - Pro Temp William "Billy" Yeager, seconded by Trustee Larry Weniger, Motion to adjourn at 8:25pm

Carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Trustee Larry Weniger, Trustee - Pro Temp William "Billy" Yeager, President Steven Rogusta, and Trustee Bruce Hibma