

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
April 9th, 2018

The Vanderbilt Village Council held its Regular meeting on **Monday, April 9th, 2018** at the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by President C. Boone at 7 p.m. and was opened with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: T. Heintz, R. Cherwinski, R. Musall, C. Boone, R. Bush & R. Cottrell

Others Present: A. Deeter – Clerk, T. Cherwinski - Treasurer, J. Yurack – Zoning Admin., D. Whitman, P. Liss, S. Boyd, T. Serino, L. Rutkowski, T. Reif, A. Musal, C. Morrow, K. Zabik, Det. Lt. K. Mills, Deputy Kates, SSgt, Holschu, D. Green, M. Cole, B. McMasters, S. Boyd, W. Perkins, along with many other attendees.

Public Comments – Held relating to Med. Marij. Discussion to be held after speakers

Communications/Guest Speakers

B. Graham/Village Attorney spoke about the legal facts relating to opting in or opt.

Reinstating that to do nothing means we are not opting in and due to Village & General Law can not be force by petition to act or change our stance on the matter.

T. Reif of Michigan Marijuana. Lis. Experts – explained how he works with communities to establish ordinances for those communities who wish to opt in and allow such facilities in the community. He would be available, if our community decided to opt in to establish such ordinances.

Det. Lt. Mills of Sane – discussed the ramification and statistics of drugs in our communities. Discussed cases in OTC in the last year relating to the opioids, heroin, meth labs (4 in OTC including one found here in Vanderbilt), marijuana was also seized at that location which is quite common. They are also finding an increasing amount of Crystal meth., which comes from the boarders and western part of the country. They have also discovered Hash labs, BHO (process of taking the oils from hash and creating oils or daps). OTC has recently had one of the labs explode in an apartment building. Two individuals were greatly injured in this explosion. They are also seeing an increase in the distribution of synthetics (LSD, capsules, blotter paper &) We are concerned because a lot of these case include young people and pretty much all these cases include the presents of marijuana. Basically, if you bring products like this into the community the number and type of drugs will only be increase. Sane is not a supporter of Marj. Facilities in the area when drugs are allowed we will see an increase of all drugs, we can refer to Colorado as an example of the negative impact on communities when there is a increase drug presence in turns causes

L. Rutkowski – Substance Abuse Specialist Catholic Social Services. Discussed to impact of drugs and youths in our community and how in areas where medical marijuana has been legalized there has been increase use of marijuana by teens. In areas where marijuana has been legalized the numbers of usage among the teens has also increased. In communities where marijuana has been legalized, there are numbers of young children and teens overdosing on such

substances are increasing. These areas have also seen an increase in vehicle fatalities where marijuana use was present. There are over 400 chemicals in marijuana to main components are CBD (non-psychoactive part which may hold some medical promise) & THC the psychoactive part which gets the user high. In the 1960 the THC was at the 1-2% level, in the 80's 3.5 % today's marijuana is much different with THC levels in smoked marijuana to be between 20-30% and 80-90% marijuana infused products. This higher intensity related to increase psychotic episodes along with other health issues. With this increased potency studies show that with use it can literally change a teens brain (as the brain continues to develop into the mid 20's) impacting memory, impulses and decision-making skills, learning ability, cause depression, along with many other health conditions. For further details on the report please refer to the Village website. Furthermore, she recommends you seek input from counselors, teachers, law enforcement officers, courts, business owners in the community to see the impact marijuana has impacted their programs, schools, court systems, businesses and community.

R. Heitmeyer – Superintendent – Recommends that the council does not move to fast when making their decision relating to this topic. Do research and collect data to ensure that an educated decision is made; one which will be best for the school and community.

Public Comment: Tom shared that he is a card holder and a user, and it helps him. A. Witt-Gaylord City Council – stated BOH facilities would be regulated so there would be less risk and what is boils down to is the safety of the children and this would help the children, Dr. prescribe prescriptions this gives other options. I hope that you will go forward and make a change. C. Morrow-business partner with A Witt. Provided stats from 2008 elect. in OTC which voted to allow med. Marij. Usage and Caregiver facilities (NOTE: These numbers did not breakup numbers for VOV; nor do these stats cover the new med. Marij Facilities Act). J. Flinn – Atty. Worked with substance abuse cases for the past 25 years. The issue is that many are unaware of the Michigan Law has recently been change that it is unlawful of the presence of a controlled substance in your system while operating a motor vehicle. 257.65 QRSP. If your stopped for a traffic violation and suspected and tested; if they detect Marij or any other substance whether you have a med. Marij. Card or not you could be subject to a \$5000-\$10,000 fine. This is not in the best interest of your community if you weigh the cost to the individuals who may be impacted. Remember marij. stays in ones' systems for up to 30 days. If someone ingested this drug anytime during that month whether it was the date of this violation or not they are still breaking this law and will be subject any such penalties. D. Green– I live in this community and I am against this. I think it will be bad for the community bad for the school. I think no good can come from allowing this. This is not what we want to be known for. The school is coming around and doing so good. I think this would be bad for Vanderbilt. Marij Providers tried this in our community and in Gaylord in the past and they were closed down because they did not follow the law. What makes you think it would be difference this time? I think this is a terrible idea and would be bad for Vanderbilt. D. Robinson – I want to echo what this lady stated. My husband was a police officer for 25 years. You haven't seen nearly as much as he has seen and it's only going to get worst. Med. Marij. for the people who actually need it; I'm all for it, but I

am not for growing it or dispensing it right here. Recreational use will just continue to go on as it has been. **A. Musal** – I just recently lost a family member and I want to state marij. is not a gateway. 4 deaths in the community member could have been prevented; marijuana doesn't kill, meth does, heroin does. Speaker stated husband died from cancer and was a card holder and traveling for med. Marij. this is her concern. A father spoke on behalf of his son who has a debilitating illness. His son uses a topical lotion has been successful for his illness. He thinks its important to be able to have medical marijuana available to those who need it.

H. Mason - The greatness number of individuals coming into therapy have to do with individuals who come into therapy have marijuana, alcohol, drug addictions. What is important is getting back to a wholesome diet. Marijuana is not the answer. Changing of diets, living a healthier, having healthier living habits make an important difference in people's lives. Speaker – OTC resident states that he believes Med. Marij. Should be available for OTC residents. He stated he has a son and a father who have both benefited from med. Marij. There were numerous public comments shared on both sides with many covering similar views as others. We thank everyone for the input.

Commissioners Report – N/A

Presidents Report –. Resignation of E. Posgate. Motion by Boone to accept resignation 2nd by Cottrell. All in favor. Motion passed. Motion by Boone to accept the OTC Economic Alliance renewal in the amount of \$250.00, 2nd by R. Cottrell. All in favor. MOTION Passed.

Clerks Report – Rental due to's has a revision. Cottrell made the motion to accept the updated rental forgiveness report; Boone 2nd the motion. All in Favor; MOTION PASSED

Street Administrators – 3 Sealed bids were opened for the Cheboygan Street Project Reith-Riley \$78,000., Dozer - \$57,000. & Payne & Dolan for \$63,240.00. Motion was made by Cottrell, 2nd by Cherwinski to accept the bid from Payne & Dolan workmanship. Roll Call: Yeas Cottell, Heintz, Bush, Musal, Boone and Cherwinski. All in Favor; MOTION PASSED.

Code Enforcement: Reviewed report. Preparing flyers remind residents of the upcoming Dump Day on June 9th from 8-2 pm.

Parks & Rec – Requesting volunteers for upcoming park renovation dates. Ads will be place in the local paper as a reminder. Cottrell recommended to purchase new bases for baseball field in the amount of \$129.00. Fencing need to be repaired in 2 areas of the fencing. Diamond dust will need to be purchased at a later date. Ryan will look further into this items price.

Zoning Administrator – Report provided.

Planning Liaison – The committee is working on final phases of the Master Plan. Cottrell made the motion to ask the Planning Committee Chair to resign due to lack of participation/attendance, 2nd by Boone. All in Favor; MOTION PASSED.

School Board Liaison – School board approved the contract extension for the superintendent. Approved resolution to designate Chemical Bank as depository for the funds of the company and to provide other financial accommodations.

Fireboard Update – Two new members. One truck down for repairs and pricing it out for repair. R. Cherwinski added at Fireboard Representative.

Treasurer's Report:

Total of all Checking Accounts	\$666,094.80
Total of all Revenue	\$38,266.07
Total of all CD's	\$85,630.10
Total of all Accounts	\$751,819.79

Motion by Cottrell; supported by Bush to acknowledge the treasurer's report as written. All in Favor. Motion passed. MOTION by Cottrell to Approve Labor Due To's supported by Boone. All in favor; MOTION passed.

MOTION by Cottrell to Approve Rental Due To's supported by Boone. All in favor; MOTION passed; amounts to be paid at a later date.

Payment of Bills -MOTION by Cottrell supported by Boone to pay bills in the amount of \$8923.14; All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: R Cottrell stated he would like to make sure we notify people if when we are going to make a decision. C. Boone stated that this was already tabled and that a decision had to be made. The council had stated at previous meetings that they were looking for more information to make an educated decision and that is what this meeting was about tonight and having invited the speakers from both sides; along with the public. With that R. Cottrell made the motion that the Village of Vanderbilt "OPT in" to allow the MED. Marij. Facility Act. Boone asked for a 2nd; Boone asked again for a 2nd. NO 2nd was made. The MOTION DIES. Two other public comments were made relating both sharing opposite views E. Tomkow expressed remarks in favor; S. Boyd express view strongly against "OPTing in".

Meeting adjourned at the Call of the Chair at 10:30pm

AnnaMarie Deeter

Clerk/Office Manager

Approved Minutes