

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS BOARD ROOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Hayes; Trustees: LaBedz, Rosenberg, Tinaglia, Canty, Padovani, Schwingbeck, Baldino and Scaletta

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager; Robin Ward, In-House Counsel; Charles Perkins, Director of Planning and Community Development; Tom Kuehne, Director of Finance; Mark Recker, Deputy Chief of Police; Kim Peterson, Recording Secretary

SUBJECTS:

A. Adult Use Cannabis

Other Business

Adjournment

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A. Adult Use Cannabis

President Hayes acknowledged the importance of this meeting and thanked everyone in attendance for their participation in this very important decision making process. President Hayes explained how the meeting will begin with a brief presentation by Staff, followed by questions from the Board regarding Staff's presentation. The public will then have the opportunity to make any comments regarding this issue. Once the public is finished providing input, the Board will have the opportunity to deliberate and then vote on a motion.

Mr. Recklaus advised Staff would be providing some background information regarding the legalization of recreational cannabis in Illinois and how the Village of Arlington Heights is now considering whether or not to allow adult use/recreational cannabis dispensaries in the Village, and if so, under what conditions they should be allowed. Staff will not be discussing the issue of whether or not cannabis should be legal, nor will it be discussing the impacts of legalized cannabis on our community. The Police Department is prepared to make any necessary adjustments

to their procedures and operations as a result of legal cannabis. Mr. Recklaus stated that regardless of what happens at tonight's meeting, Adult Use Cannabis will be legal in Arlington Heights on January 1, 2020. The issue tonight is whether or not Adult Use Cannabis should be sold in Arlington Heights and what regulations should be in place if allowed. Mr. Recklaus advised that Staff will be looking for direction from the Village Board if they should move forward with ordinances to prohibit or regulate and tax Adult Use Cannabis. This is a policy matter, therefore Staff will not be making any recommendations. If the Board chooses to prohibit cannabis sales, the appropriate ordinance will be ready for a final vote in November. If the Board chooses to allow and regulate cannabis sales, new zoning rules will need to be reviewed by the Planning Commission before a final vote is taken by the Village Board later this year. The goal is for final action to be taken by the Village Board prior to January 1, 2020. If no action is taken by the Village Board before January 1, 2020, cannabis businesses will be allowed with no restrictions, other than what is stated in the state statute. Mr. Recklaus advised that Ms. Ward would be providing some background on the state law.

Ms. Ward explained how the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, which legalizes the use of recreational cannabis by anyone 21 years of age or older, becomes effective January 1, 2020. The State will be issuing up to 185 dispensary licenses, which will go first to the medical dispensary license holders. The Village of Arlington Heights has a medical dispensary on the south side of town. The State law contains fairly significant limits on advertising and prohibits cannabis users from using in public or driving while intoxicated or under the influence. Municipalities can completely prohibit the sale of cannabis within their town. Municipalities can also permit some or all cannabis businesses with adoption of zoning regulations. Municipalities can prohibit or permit on-premises consumption of cannabis and can tax the sale of Adult Use Cannabis up to 3%. Municipalities can ensure that dispensaries are following the law and not selling to individuals under 21 years of age. Municipalities cannot ban the lawful use or possession of cannabis by individuals 21 and over and cannot determine who does or does not get a cannabis license, as all licensing will be determined at the state level.

Ms. Ward advised that the State Law prohibits the sale of cannabis online, via drive thru windows, vending machines or delivery. Cannabis businesses establishments cannot sell alcohol, live plants or permit individuals under the age of 21 to enter the business. Cannabis businesses must keep their products on display behind the counter only and verify the age of all individuals entering the business. Ms. Ward pointed out that CBD is completely legal and has nothing to do with these regulations.

Ms. Ward explained how the State Law has strict regulations when it comes to advertising. There are limits on what cannabis businesses can advertise and where they can advertise.

Mr. Recklaus advised that staff members from every Village department have examined and discussed the impact of having cannabis dispensaries in town. Staff does anticipate that there will be operational impacts, particularly for the Police

Department, related to the legalization of cannabis in our community. There will be costs, which are unknown at this time, and additional training required, and some changes to our procedures. The Police Department has formed an internal taskforce to manage service impacts related to the legalization of Adult Use Cannabis. Village Staff, including those in the Fire and Police Departments, do not believe that the location of an Adult Use Cannabis dispensary, or dispensaries, will have an impact on staff time or public safety. The calls for service at the current medical cannabis dispensary have been typical of any retail establishment. The number of Adult Use Cannabis customers is unknown at this time, therefore the impact on traffic and parking is unknown. The Police Department does plan on conducting stings to ensure that minors are not being sold cannabis or even allowed into any dispensaries, according to Mr. Recklaus.

Mr. Recklaus went on to state that if Adult Use Cannabis dispensaries are allowed in Arlington Heights, there will be associated revenue. There would be a 1% regular sales tax, a 1% home rule sales tax and the Village has the option to pass an additional adult use cannabis sales tax up to 3%. The regular sales tax and home rule sales tax would go into effect January 1, 2020 and the cannabis sales tax would go into effect September of 2020. Staff estimates Village revenue for a cannabis dispensary would range from \$300,000 to \$500,000 annually. As a point of reference, Mr. Recklaus advised that this type of revenue is equivalent to that of a medium sized car dealership, or \$15 on a tax bill of a homeowner of a \$300,000 home.

Mr. Recklaus advised that the Village Board discussed this topic on August 13th and asked Staff to draft up options for consideration. In addition, the Village Board asked for input from the Arlington Economic Alliance and the Village's Board of Health. The Arlington Economic Alliance recommended that Adult Use Cannabis dispensaries be allowed. The Village's Board of Health recommended that Adult Use Cannabis business establishments be prohibited.

Mr. Recklaus explained how the Board has two options to consider. Option 1 is to consider approval of an ordinance prohibiting Adult Use Cannabis dispensaries and other cannabis businesses. Option 2 is to consider approval of an ordinance that would allow Adult Use Cannabis dispensaries subject to zoning rules that define the location and conditions under which they would be allowed. Approval of a sales tax for Adult Use Cannabis can also be considered under this option.

Ms. Ward reiterated that Staff is not recommending either of these options; they simply drafted the ordinances for the Board's consideration. The first ordinance (A) completely prohibits Adult Use Cannabis businesses, including dispensaries, growers, cultivation centers, processing organizations, infuser organizations, dispensing organizations and cannabis transportation organizations. The second ordinance (B) would allow Adult Use Cannabis retail locations. This ordinance suggests that dispensaries be a permitted use, as opposed to a special use, and would allow up to three dispensaries only in the B-2 and B-3 zoning districts. Furthermore, no more than one dispensary could be located North of Hintz Road, one dispensary between Hintz Road and Central Road, excluding the downtown

area, and one dispensary south of Central Road. Staff has identified areas where the businesses would not be allowed, which include within 1000 feet of schools and parks and park like facilities. Additionally, Adult Use Cannabis retail locations would not be allowed within 1000 feet of the intersection of Dundee Road and Arlington Heights Road, as Buffalo Grove High School is located at the Northeast corner of that intersection.

Mr. Recklaus discussed the list of communities Staff prepared that have either chosen to prohibit or allow the sale of Adult Use Cannabis in their jurisdiction. There are a number of communities have not decided what they will do.

President Hayes thanked Mr. Recklaus and Ms. Ward for their presentation. President Hayes clarified that whatever decision is made tonight, has not impact on the sale medical marijuana in the Village of Arlington Heights.

Trustee LaBedz asked who is responsible for ensuring that the dispensaries are adhering to the State law. Ms. Ward advised that the State oversees the regulations, as the State issues the licenses. Trustee LaBedz asked how the hours of operation are regulated, which Ms. Ward indicated the State law allows Adult Use Cannabis businesses to operate during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Trustee Tinaglia referred to the list of communities that have either opted for or against the sale of Adult Use Cannabis and asked Mr. Recklaus to name the communities that border Arlington Heights, which Mr. Recklaus replied Buffalo Grove, Prospect Heights, Mount Prospect, Elk Grove, Palatine, Rolling Meadows and Wheeling. Trustee Tinaglia noted that of these six communities, only Buffalo Grove and Wheeling have voted to allow Adult Use Cannabis businesses and asked about the status of the other communities. Mr. Recklaus indicated they are all currently in the discussion phase of the process. Trustee Tinaglia asked how long the Board has to make a decision, which Mr. Recklaus stated that if the Board chooses to allow the sale of Adult Use Cannabis, Staff will have to prepare an ordinance, which will then be presented to the Board sometime in December, as it would need to be approved before January 1, 2020.

Trustee Baldino asked Ms. Ward if the ordinance would prohibit every other Adult Use Cannabis business except dispensaries, which Ms. Ward indicated that is correct. Trustee Baldino asked if there is a loophole that allows other businesses to sell Adult Use Cannabis, which Ms. Ward stated that every other business, other than dispensaries, are prohibited.

Mary Lou Olhava, Arlington Heights resident, believes Arlington Heights is a great place to raise a family and does not think the benefits of legalizing pot is worth the harm it may cause to those in our community. Ms. Olhava believes the increased levels of THC is contributing to the overall drug problem in our country.

Tom Ramsden, Vice President of Development at St. Viator High School, discussed the goal of St. Viator, which is to help students develop academically, physically, emotionally and spiritually. St. Viator implemented drug testing in 2007 to deter

students from using drugs, to identify students who need help with drug use and to teach students accountability for their decisions, and is asking for the Village's support by prohibiting the sale of recreational marijuana. Mr. Ramsden discussed the dangerous levels of THC in marijuana and the widespread use of vaping products, which has been linked to illness and death.

Sue Hayes, Arlington Heights resident, believes the costs to the community will be far greater than the amount from tax dollars. There will be an increase in the cost of education, police and in health care, particularly mental health care. Ms. Hayes believes that it will not just be the adults in the community using marijuana, but the youth as well, as they will have greater access to it. Ms. Hayes thinks it is our obligation to not endorse or promote the use of marijuana in our community and is asking the Board to choose Option 1, to prohibit the sale of recreational cannabis in Arlington Heights.

Ann Udell, Arlington Heights resident, acknowledged that the law states that you need to be 21 or older to buy pot or liquor, but everyone knows someone that is 21 or older who would be willing to supply pot to children. Ms. Udell has seen firsthand what drugs have done to children and asked the Board to consider not voting yes on this issue.

Bob Schwarz, Arlington Heights resident, asked everyone what five things pop into their mind when they hear the word cannabis, marijuana or pot. The five things that would pop into his mind would make him want to run from the idea that has anything to do with smoking marijuana.

John Yuan, Arlington Heights resident, moved into Arlington Heights 19 years ago because of the great schools and great public officials who take care of the great community. Mr. Yuan believes marijuana is a gateway drug, as it is highly addictive. Mr. Yuan thinks the State officials have made a mistake and trusts the Board will make the right decision. Mr. Yuan believes making marijuana more accessible will make the problem worse, and is asking the Board to say no and opt out and send a clear message to the community.

Laurie Taylor, Arlington Heights resident, referred to the \$500,000 tax revenue that most towns have been told the sale of Adult Use Cannabis will generate, and stated that in order to make that much money, retail sales will have to be approximately 16 ½ million a year. Ms. Taylor reminded everyone that this is a cash business and communities will have to rely on the honesty of the business owners if they are to receive the tax revenue.

Brock McNerney, Arlington Heights resident, recently visited a marijuana dispensary in Washington, and was surprised by the lack of customers, the type of customers and the age of the customers in the establishment. Mr. McNerney believes the customers he saw represented the community at large and not the riff raff most associate with this type of a business. Mr. McNerney thinks the customers who would visit an Adult Use Cannabis business in our community would be people we know and respect and would like the Board to keep this in mind when they vote.

P. Calvin Lindstrom, Christian Liberty Academy, encouraged everyone to watch the documentary, Seattle is Dying, as it shows the effect of the drug culture in Seattle. Mr. Lindstrom believes that it is important that Arlington Heights stand apart from other communities that are supporting the sale of recreational marijuana. Mr. Lindstrom thinks laws reflect the morality and strongly encourages the Board to choose Option 1 to ban the sale of recreational marijuana for the sake of our children.

Mike Chodin, resident of Arlington Heights, believes the residents of Arlington Heights will purchase and consume cannabis regardless of what the Village does. Mr. Chodin thinks Arlington Heights is a great place to raise children and the sale of recreational marijuana here will not change that. There are areas in the community that are lacking businesses and Mr. Chodin strongly urges the Board to support this issue and opt in.

Norbert Piotrowski, Arlington Heights resident, is against the sale of recreational marijuana in Arlington Heights. Mr. Piotrowski thinks legalizing marijuana in the State of Illinois is a big mistake. Mr. Chodin believes marijuana is a gateway drug to cocaine and heroin and lowers teenage cognitive abilities for life. Mr. Piotrowski does not want Arlington Heights to endorse the sale just for increased tax revenue.

Keith Moens, Arlington Heights resident, requests that the Board approve Ordinance B and C that allows for retail sales of recreational cannabis in Arlington Heights. Mr. Moens does share the same concerns as others regarding the underage use of any legally available intoxicating substance, as well as impaired drivers. However, Mr. Moens does not believe there is any connection between prohibiting the sale of cannabis in Arlington Heights and solving either one of these issues. Mr. Moens thinks the Village has the chance to control, regulate, educate and collect tax revenue from the sale of cannabis. In addition, the Police Department can use some of the revenue to purchase the equipment they will need to detect impaired drivers.

Wuan Luo, Arlington Heights resident, pleaded to the Board to vote no to cannabis, as it will send a clear message to kids to stay away from drugs. Mr. Luo believes Arlington Heights is a family friendly community, with some of the best schools and library and does not think the amount of revenue is worth it, especially considering all of the hidden costs.

Rob Cataldo, Arlington Heights resident, began by thanking all of the Board members for their service. Mr. Cataldo believes greater access equals greater use and if we do invite cannabis sales into Arlington Heights there will be greater use. Mr. Cataldo thinks revenues are always overstated and social costs are always understated. Mr. Cataldo thinks it is best if the Board waits to see what happens in the towns that are opting in.

Craig Horwitz, Buffalo Grove resident, hopes the Board will vote to not allow recreational cannabis sales in Arlington Heights, as his home is near the border of Buffalo Grove and Arlington Heights. Mr. Horwitz provided some statistics from the Denver, Colorado report including overestimated cannabis revenue totals and the

increased number of cannabis related crimes. Mr. Horwitz believes the little amount of revenue that cannabis sales would provide, in relation to the total overall Village budget, is simply not worth it and hopes the Village does the right thing.

Hanna Caselton, Linked Together Coalition - Wheeling Townships Youth Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition, advised that Linked Together has served Arlington Heights students, schools and residents with teen prevention programming for the past eight years. Linked Together has concerns with high concentration THC vapes being sold in local dispensaries with names and flavors that appeal to kids. Vaping is the choice of delivery for youth who choose to use marijuana. The current Illinois law has no THC limits for concentrates that would be sold in local dispensaries.

Kip North, Arlington Heights resident and Buffalo Grove teacher, is clearly against having dispensaries in the Village he grew up in and has chosen to live in. Mr. North is concerned for the youth in the community and the normalization of cannabis use. Mr. North does not believe the 1000 foot restriction from Buffalo Grove High School is far enough and does not understand why the downtown area is not being considered for a dispensary, if the intent is to maximize sales and revenue. Mr. North believes the Board will clearly communicate to the community what the values of the Village of Arlington Heights are by the way they vote tonight.

Bruce Tincknell, Arlington Heights resident, does not believe Arlington Heights should be a destination for retail marijuana. Mr. Tincknell thinks social costs need to be analyzed when estimating revenues. Mr. Tincknell would like the Board to look beyond the small amount of revenue and consider the cost issues, the quality and reputation in the Village and the impact on non-residents buying drugs in the Village.

Heidi Tincknell, Arlington Heights resident and District 211 Chairperson, believes students will now have greater access to marijuana from older friends, siblings and adults. When there are more retail stores, usage will go up, regardless of age limits. Ms. Tincknell has witnessed the catastrophic impact on students when they are using and under the influence of marijuana and its ramifications in the classroom. Ms. Tincknell asked the Board to consider the serious issues impacting the youth, educators and schools.

Lisa Doty, Arlington Heights resident, would like to spend her money in Arlington Heights by buying recreational marijuana in Arlington Heights. Ms. Doty believes she is what the typical recreational marijuana retail customer looks like and does not think someone else has the right to tell her she cannot do something that is perfectly legal.

Leigh Strauss, Arlington Heights resident, believes it is up to parents to decide how to educate their children on responsible drug use, whether it is alcohol or marijuana. Ms. Strauss thinks marijuana is less damaging to the body than alcohol, however she does acknowledge that there are psychological effects. Ms. Strauss believes the marijuana dispensaries are helpful when it comes to knowing how much THC is in the product. Individuals have no way of knowing the THC levels

when something is purchased on the black market.

Brad Doty, Arlington Heights resident, thanked the Board for all of their hard work, but believes they are delusional if they think the decision they make tonight affects the black market and the easy accessibility of drugs, particularly to the youth. Mr. Doty thinks the products sold at the dispensaries are expensive compared to what someone can purchase on the black market, therefore he does not believe these products will get into the hands of teenagers.

Nicolle Grasse, Arlington Heights resident, is concerned with number of emails the Board has received from outside groups appealing to them to opt out. Ms. Grasse would like the Board to opt in for several reasons, one being to help make it easier for those who would medically benefit from marijuana, but either cannot qualify with their symptoms to get a medical marijuana card or simply cannot afford medical marijuana. Ms. Grasse would also like the Board to opt in because the marijuana dispensaries can then be regulated making the products safer.

Jeremy Unruh, Verilife Marijuana Dispensary, supports the sale of Adult Use Cannabis in Arlington Heights. Mr. Unruh believes the Board has two decisions, either they can tax and regulate Adult Use Cannabis, or they can ignore the problem. Mr. Unruh urges the Board not to ignore the problem, but to take this opportunity to control what happens in the Village.

Russell Kolbe, Arlington Heights resident, along with his family, is firmly opposed to allowing the sale of recreational marijuana. Mr. Kolbe believes there are too many unknowns when it comes to the retail sale of recreational marijuana. Mr. Kolbe is concerned about the potential increase in thefts in the community, as drug users may not have the money to purchase what they need. In addition, Mr. Kobe does not think the police will be able to monitor on-site consumption or public use.

Andrij Neczwid, Arlington Heights resident, is not in favor of allowing the sale of recreational marijuana in Arlington Heights. Mr. Neczwid provided some statistics from other states that allow the sale of recreational marijuana and believes their reasons for doing so is to make money and pot is harmless. Mr. Neczwid discussed the lack of revenue generated by the sale of recreational marijuana and the harmful effects to the body and mind from the consumption of marijuana.

Adam Krzyzowski, Arlington Heights resident, lives near the medical marijuana dispensary in town, and is concerned with the property values declining in that area. Mr. Krzyzowski would like to see the recreational marijuana dispensary put somewhere else other than this same location near his residence and an elementary school.

Daniel Quinn, Arlington Heights resident, is in favor of Option 1, which prohibits the sale of recreational marijuana in Arlington Heights. Mr. Quinn does not see any benefit to the Village and does not understand why the Village would want to get involved in having locations within its boundaries that sell marijuana. The potential tax revenue seems to be offset by the social costs.

Art Ellingsen, Arlington Heights resident, is opposed to the sale of recreational marijuana in Arlington Heights. However, if the Board does decide to do this, they should be aware that the property that is 1000 feet from Arlington Heights Road and Dundee Road is still owned by Buffalo Grove High School. Mr. Ellingsen spent some of his adult life as a drug rehab counselor, and during that time, was told by every heroin addict he spoke with that they started with marijuana. Mr. Ellingsen believes marijuana is a gateway drug and is bad and is asking the Board to not allow any dispensaries in Arlington Heights.

Yesoe Yoon, Village of Skokie Human Relations Commissioner, is hopeful that the Board will really listen to the citizens speaking tonight before deciding whether or not to permit or prohibit the sale of recreational marijuana. Ms. Yoon thinks that if the Village decides to opt in, many problems will occur, including sanitation problems in the Village and traffic accidents. Ms. Yoon believes the State made a big mistake and would like the Board to think about the impact to the community.

Di Yang, Vernon Hills resident, believes drugs are not good and destroyed the nation of China. Ms. Yang is against the sale to the public and believes the Board will make the right decision and opt out.

Debbie Ruttenberg, Arlington Heights resident, strongly supports the legal sale of Adult Use Cannabis in Arlington Heights. Ms. Ruttenberg feels Adult Use Cannabis falls under the same regulations as the sale of tobacco and alcohol and gambling. Ms. Ruttenberg believes many of the claims made tonight are false and encourages the Board to their research, and understand it to its full complexity. Ms. Ruttenberg believes the Board needs to be fiscally responsible and choose Ordinance B or C, and allow and regulate this industry in Arlington Heights.

Janice Pheres, does not think prohibition turned out well and believes the parents who are against the sale of Adult Use Cannabis need to spend more time with their children.

Roxanne Getz, Arlington Heights resident, has worked in the area of taxes for a very long time, and in her opinion, rarely do budgetary amounts of taxes that are supposed to come out of any great idea, come to fruition. Ms. Getz stated that she appreciates the benefits of marijuana for persons that are ill, but is against the sale of recreational marijuana in Arlington Heights. Ms. Getz thinks the Board should wait to make a decision and if necessary, revisit the idea at a future date.

Lynn Lyons, Arlington Heights resident, believes opioids are the issue and not marijuana. In addition, marijuana is available everywhere. Ms. Lyons stated she is neither for nor against.

Tommy Thomas, Arlington Heights resident, believes pot is the beginning for those who want to get into other drugs, so why would Arlington Heights want to be that beginning point. Mr. Thomas wants the Board to opt out.

President Hayes thanked everyone again for their participation in the process and

for their cooperation and respect for one another. President expressed how important everyone's input is to the Village Board.

President Hayes advised that he has served on the Village Board for 29 years and the thing that he is most proud of is the reputation this Village has earned as a great place to live and to raise a family. President Hayes went on to say that this Village is primarily residential and a family oriented community. President Hayes pledged as both a Trustee and Village President to preserve and protect the reputation of this community. In every vote that he has taken, he has asked himself, if it is in the best interest of this community. There have been a number of decisions that the Board has made that had a great deal of money at stake, but in the end, the Board decided that it was not in the best interest of the community, regardless of how much money they would earn. President Hayes is basing his decision tonight on whether or not the sale of Adult Use Cannabis is in the best interest of the community, and whether or not it would enhance or diminish the quality of life in Arlington Heights. President Hayes believes that allowing the sale of recreational cannabis in Arlington Heights would be the wrong thing to do and diminish the quality of life in Arlington Heights and the reputation it has earned. President Hayes advised that he is choosing Option 1 and encourages his fellow Board members to do the same.

Trustee Canty asked Staff if there are zoning restrictions for alcohol and tobacco retailers, which Ms. Ward indicated there are for liquor, but she does not believe there are for tobacco. Trustee Canty does not believe this is a moral question, as the State has already decided to legalize recreational marijuana use. Trustee Canty hopes that she can lead by example, when it comes to her own children, and that her children will make the right decisions in life. Trustee Canty believes this is a relatively simple issue; it is a matter of how many dispensaries will be allowed in the Village. Trustee Canty thinks Option B is a great starting point to discuss the number of dispensaries, where they should be located and how they should be zoned. Trustee Canty is in favor of Ordinances B and C, to allow dispensaries, as well as taxation.

Trustee Scaletta thanked all of those who came out tonight to speak, particularly those who live in Arlington Heights. Trustee Scaletta also thanked the residents who have spoken with over the months regarding this issue. Trustee Scaletta discussed how this has not been an easy decision for him, as initially he just thought about taking the sales tax dollars and moving forward. Trustee Scaletta believes there are so many unknowns and so many conflicting statistics, and the sales tax revenue are just estimates. Trustee Scaletta believes the only upside to this issue is the revenue. Trustee Scaletta explained how the residents have made it clear to him over the months and even tonight, that our brand and reputation should not be traded for sales tax revenue. Trustee Scaletta strives to maintain the lowest possible tax levy and does not believe that this is the best way to increase revenue. Trustee Scaletta believes his obligation as an elected official is to provide for the safety and welfare of the citizens, therefore he concurs with the Village's Board of Health and votes for Option A.

Trustee Padovani thanked everyone who came out tonight to give their opinions and for all the phone calls and emails he has received these past few months. Trustee Padovani stated that his experience when talking with residents of Arlington Heights is that one third are adamantly against it, one third want it and one third can go either way. Trustee Padovani asked those that are in the middle, why they feel the way they do, and all of them replied it is the revenue. They want to capture the revenue to keep their taxes down. Trustee Padovani advised that after further discussion with these residents, and him pointing out that the revenue amounts are just estimates and would impact an individual household tax bill very little, most of them decided there was really no reason to do this then. Other than the revenue, most residents he spoke with felt that having dispensaries would not improve their lives or the town. Trustee Padovani believes having dispensaries here in town would not improve the family oriented community that we have here in Arlington Heights, therefore he is leaning towards agreeing with the Village President for Option 1 and not allowing any of it here in Arlington Heights.

Trustee LaBedz thanked everyone who came out tonight and spoke, and all of those whom she received emails from or personally spoke with, the majority of them being Arlington Heights residents. Trustee LaBedz advised that the significant majority of residents want the Village to opt out and do not care so much about the revenue. Trustee LaBedz stated that these residents do not want to see recreational marijuana dispensaries in Arlington Heights and neither does she, which is why she is leaning towards Ordinance A. Trustee LaBedz advised that she really listened to and reflected on those who expressed concern with the tax portion of it, but is skeptical that the Village would actually receive the estimated tax revenue. Trustee LaBedz suggested that anyone who is concerned with sales tax revenue, should shop in Arlington Heights, as there are many other things to buy here.

Trustee Schwingbeck thanked those who came out tonight and shared their thoughts, as this is an important decision. Trustee Schwingbeck advised that he spoke with many residents in person and on the phone, and received numerous emails and letters. He met with doctors to seek out their opinion on this issue, and met with the representatives from PharmaCann and MedMen. Trustee Schwingbeck stated that he also attended a legislature and law enforcement discussion in Buffalo Grove, which addressed the impact of marijuana. Trustee Schwingbeck understands that the State of Illinois is financially struggling and looking for revenue, however that is not the case in Arlington Heights. Arlington Heights is a family-friendly community with award winning schools, a fantastic library, a great park district and a place where people want to live. Trustee Schwingbeck thinks the overall tax dollars the Village would receive are extremely low when it comes to the overall budget. Trustee Schwingbeck believes this is an image thing and is in favor of voting for Option 1, to opt out.

Trustee Tinaglia acknowledged the vote count thus far and what direction the Board was ultimately heading in. Trustee Tinaglia thanked the citizens who came out and spoke on this issue and stated that this was a difficult decision for him, as he is unsure if consuming a small amount of marijuana leads to a much worse drug addiction. Trustee Tinaglia discussed the fact that if the Board does vote to opt out

of Adult Use Cannabis businesses, it is like saying no to a medium sized car dealership. In addition, Trustee Tinaglia believes that it is crazy for the Village to allow gambling at the race track, numerous liquor licenses, but not want to benefit from the tax revenue an Adult Use Cannabis business would generate. Trustee Tinaglia would like the Board to keep in mind when making their final decision tonight, that in order to allow the Police to have the necessary equipment they will need when marijuana becomes legal and neighboring towns have marijuana dispensaries, the Village may need to raise property taxes. Trustee Tinaglia thinks it is a mistake to opt out, but is willing to accept the Board's decision.

Trustee Baldino thanked everyone who came out tonight to share their thoughts and for the numerous emails and phone calls. Trustee Baldino stated that he did not have a strong opinion either way, regarding the legalization of marijuana. Trustee Baldino acknowledged that even though the estimated revenue is a small percentage of the overall budget, every year at budget time the Board discusses raising the property tax levies, sometimes by a margin of \$500,000 - \$800,000, which could be generated from the sale of recreational marijuana. Trustee Baldino often hears from residents how they do not want fees and taxes to go up and is unsure what other sources of tax revenue there are to prevent this from happening.

Trustee Rosenberg explained how he initially was in favor of allowing Adult Use Cannabis businesses, but after spending some time thinking about it and hearing from residents, he changed his mind. Trustee Rosenberg acknowledged the need for the revenue, however he believes there are many hidden costs. Trustee Rosenberg believes Arlington Heights is a family oriented community and has an image to protect. Trustee Rosenberg thinks the Board will figure out additional sources of revenue to bridge the gap, therefore he votes to opt out.

Trustee Scaletta moved, seconded by Trustee Padovani, that the Committee-of-the-Whole concur with the Board of Health's recommendation and adopt Ordinance A to prohibit the sales of recreational marijuana in the Village of Arlington Heights.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Scaletta, Padovani, Rosenberg, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Hayes

Nays: Baldino, Canty, Tinaglia

President Hayes stated that the Ayes have passage of Option 1 to prohibit the sales of recreational marijuana in the Village of Arlington Heights. President Hayes thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Trustee Scaletta moved, seconded by Trustee LaBedz to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.