

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTER.

Present: Mayor Michael Sidari  
Trustees Marguerite Sherman, Timothy Elliott, Jessica Marciano, Owen Toale  
Police Chief Chad Kenward, Fire Chief Matthew Jackson, Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Gardner  
Attorney Matthew Brooks

Excused: DPW Superintendent Jason Watts, Village Clerk-Treasurer Jada Burgess

Mayor Sidari called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Cannabis Law §131, allowing cannabis retail dispensaries or on-site consumption licenses to operate within the Village of Medina as outlined in the NYS Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA).

In addition to Village of Medina officials present, the following individuals were present and wished to speak:

Gregory McCarthy, 515 High Street, Medina. Mr. McCarthy presented research data and states he is in favor of opting in.

Catherine Holland, 212 East Oak Orchard Street, Medina. Ms. Holland states she is in favor of opting in.

Mitchell Kwandrans, 2651 Angling Road, owner of The Hemp House at 409 Main Street, Medina. Mr. Kwandrans presented maps and research data. States he is in favor of opting in. He will email data to the Board.

Steven Natale, 515 West Avenue, Medina. Mr. Natale is in favor of opting in.

Pat Moss, 1312 West Avenue, Medina. Ms. Moss states she is in favor of opting in as far as dispensaries, not certain about lounges.

Kathy Bogan, Business Owner, 517 Main Street, Medina. Ms. Bogan states she would like to opt out by December 31 date to avoid the automatic opt-in. She states that regulations are not available yet. Opting out now allows opting in any time.

Ronald Young, 525 West Center Street, Medina. Mr. Young is in favor of opting in.

Lynne Williams, 383 Erie Street, Medina. Ms. Williams would like to opt out before December deadline date. Village should not put “cart ahead of the horse.” She states she understands increased revenue, concerned about increase in cost with police enforcement.

Ace Grabowski, 149 North Street, Medina. Mr Grabowski is in favor of opting in.

Haylee Ferington, 168 State Street, Medina. Ms. Ferington is in favor of opting in.

Alex Feig, 142 Elizabeth Street, Medina. Mr. Feig is in favor of opting in.

Drew Lederhouse, 329 Park Avenue Apt C, Medina. Mr. Lederhouse is in favor of opting in.

DevIn Hogan, 10592 Telegraph Road, Medina. Ms. Hogan is in favor of opting in. She read article excerpts which she will forward to the Board via email.

Bryan DeGraw, 227 Pearl Street, Medina. Mr. DeGraw is in favor of opting in. He understands hesitation. He hopes the Village will actively try to lower taxes or raise revenue if the Village opt outs.

Trustees Elliott, Marciano, Sherman, and Toale and Mayor Sidari thanked those who spoke for attending the meeting to voice opinions and offer input. Mayor Sidari closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Sidari opened the public comment period.

Alex Feig expressed concerns about the skate park in regards to lighting and drainage. Mayor Sidari stated he spoke with DPW Superintendent and the lights have been ordered.

Alden Cayea addressed the Board indicating that he would like to hold ghost walks in the Village. Mr. Cayea outlined possible routes to walk throughout the Village, with possible dates of October 22, 23 and 25, between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott, seconded by Trustee Toale. Alden Cayea is given permission to hold the ghost walk on the possible dates of October 22, 23 and 25.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Elliott. Mayor Sidari is authorized to call for the Police Sergeant Civil Service List.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Elliott. The following residents are appointed to the Parks Committee: Kelly McMurray, Joanna Rich, Haylee Ferington, Melissa Valley, Alex Feig, Timothy Zeiner.

All ayes.  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano, seconded by Trustee Sherman. The bills are presented and approved by payment.

All ayes.  
Motion carried.

Fire Chief Jackson advised the Board that Firefighter Schubmehl passed his NYS Paramedic written exam. The department participated in the boot drive to benefit Make A Wish Foundation. Trustee Marciano did a visit and ride-along; Chief Jackson thanked her for taking the time. The Annual MFD Open House will be held 10/3/2021, beginning at 11 a.m. The 2021 ball tickets are available. The department will be in the schools next week with fire prevention programs. The department held training on a commercial structure at Bernzomatic. Firefighter Reddy will be on military training 10/5/2021-2/14/2022; will be out of state.

Code Officer Gardner advised the Board that Bernzomatic is half complete. Trustees Sherman and Marciano visited the Code department. TakeForm goes to the Zoning Board next week. They need to apply for a variance for A/C lean-to. Internet provider signs are being removed from the utility poles in the Village. Trustee Marciano inquired about the dumpster at Pride Pak. Officer Gardner stated they move the dumpster outdoors for Modern to pick up. Pride Pak has purchased a trailer to dock. Once full, the trailer will be moved, emptied and placed back at dock.

Police Chief Kenward advised the Board that the first Community Policing Board met tonight and went well. Chief Kenward advised that the Police Sergeant Civil Service test results are out. The department conducted the first interview tonight, two more to follow. The department completed Fall firearms and taser training. Chief Kenward and two other officers observed crosswalks in the business district to see the extent of vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians. Chief Kenward advised the Board that the department has had issues with computers in the office and vehicles. C & H PC is addressing those issues. The Board inquired and Chief Kenward updated the Board on K9 Phoenix's status. Phoenix seems to be progressing well.

Mayor Sidari opened the second public comment period.

No interested person wished to speak.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Elliott. The meeting is adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

All ayes.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda R. Herbert  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer