



**VILLAGE OF
SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES**



SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Monday, September 16, 2019, at the Village Hall, 3317 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights, Illinois. Mayor Terry Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Matthews requested the Village Clerk, Catherine Linan, to call the roll. The following were present:

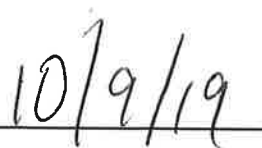
Terry Matthews	Village President	Chad Vlietstra	Fire Chief
Matt Welch	Attorney	Catherine Linan	Village Clerk
Eugene Fazzini	Trustee	Bill Joyce	Police Chief
John Ross	Trustee	Nick Goncher	Bldg. Director
Terry Fiorenzo	Trustee	Tim Wehrle	Deputy Police Chief
Sally Marrufo	Trustee	Mark Martin	Public Work Director
Eric Stanton	Trustee	John Dolasinski	Treasurer
Tracy Bosco	Trustee	Nora Martinez-Gomez	Village Administrator

DISCUSSION – LEGALIZATION OF ADULT USE CANNABIS: Mayor Matthews explained that effective January 1, 2020 recreation cannabis will be legal and that this meeting was to discuss how this Board feels about dispensary or cultivation within the Village. Mayor Matthews asked Attorney Matt Welch to explain. Attorney Welch explained that the 4 major components effected by this new law is Land Use issues, Law enforcement issues, tax issues and employment issues. Attorney Welch summarized some major concerns within these four areas and stated that first issue would be to regulate reasonable Zoning regulations. Discussion ensued amongst the Village Board regarding the type of cannabis licenses, amending the employee handbook, the benefits to South Chicago Heights, the effects on law enforcement and Fire Department calls. Attorney Welch stated that because of the mixed feeling amongst the Board that the Village could put a moratorium on Cannabis, but the Board will have to make a decision before January 1, 2020. The Mayor asked the Village Board to think about this to discuss further at another Committee of the Whole meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Bosco motioned to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Trustee Stanton. On a voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


Catherine Linan, Village Clerk


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