

Minutes of a Joint Meeting of the
Sparta Township Board and the Sparta Village Council
Sparta Civic Center
75 N. Union St. Sparta, Mi 49345
December 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Village Vice President Robert Whalen

Members Present: Dale Bergman, Rachel Shangle, Marcy Savage,
Chad Momber, Rob Steffens and Bill Goodfellow
Village Council Present: Braybrook, Robinson, Cumings (arriving at 6:05), Whalen,
VanPatten, Dougan (arriving at 6:11)

Members Absent: Bradford
Village Council: Ryan Hayes

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA:

Moved by Vanpatten, seconded by Goodfellow to approve Business Agenda.
Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Proposal 1 Recreational Marijuana Presentation from Justin Sterk, Bloom Sluggett

Justin Sterk from Bloom Sluggett gave an informational presentation to the Township Board and the Village Council. Sterk went over what the Michigan Regulation and taxation of Marihuana Act authorizes, Municipal Regulations, The State Licensing Process, Taxation and Revenue Distribution, Enforcement, and Timing.

The Village Council and The Sparta Township Board both decided they would like to talk it through more and make a decision at their next meetings in January.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Forrest VanPatten, 193 S. Union St – He voted for recreational marijuana to pass but based on the presentation tonight he understands that there is a lot for the Village to consider and at this time doesn't think it is worth the hassle to allow until the State moves forward with regulation.

Jeremiah Sokolowski, 8605 Alpine Ave. – Asked if the Village can tax recreational marijuana at a higher rate if it wants. Mr. Sterk responded that the Village would be limited by the restrictions in the law.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn by executive privilege at 7:45 p.m. by Village President Dougan

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Savage, Clerk