Town Board of the Town of Mexico
Minutes of the Special Meeting to discuss LL 1 of 2021: Cannabis Opt Out
Held November 22, 2021 at the Town Hall commencing at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor
Larry Barber, Councilor
Judy Greenway, Councilor
Russell Partrick, Councilor
Cindy Robert, Councilor
Liz Dishaw, Town Clerk
Nicole Wild, Deputy Town Clerk

Supervisor Behling opened the special meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Supervisor Behling explained that, due to the transition between attorneys at the time of filing Local Law 1 of 2021- Cannabis Opt Out, a step in the proper procedure was overlooked. In order to properly file, our attorney recommends filing a second local law to rescind Local Law 1 of 2021 and a third local law to properly adopt the Cannabis Opt Out.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Supervisor Behling to schedule a public hearing for Local Law 2 of 2021 for December 13, 2021 to begin on or soon after 7:00 p.m. at McAuslan Hall, 3245 Main Street, Mexico. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Supervisor Behling to schedule a public hearing for Local Law 3 of 2021 for December 13, 2021 to begin on or soon after 7:00 p.m. at McAuslan Hall, 3245 Main Street, Mexico. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Councilor Barber shared schematics by Joe Maryak for a portico and storm drainage project for McAuslan Hall.

A motion was made by Councilor Greenway and seconded by Partrick to ask Mr. Maryak to bid out the project for a cost not to exceed $4,000. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Supervisor Behling explained to the board that the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals has expressed concern over sawmill applications. Both boards have expressed the need to establish fair, concise, and consistent requirements for sawmill permits and our attorney has suggested a temporary moratorium on sawmill applications in order to give both boards time to establish a checklist of criteria. Supervisor Behling questioned if a moratorium was required and wondered if a temporary, three-month halt on accepting new applications can be made instead. Councilor Partrick suggested that the town board could extend the halt by another three months if the Planning and Zoning boards needed additional time.

A motion was made by Councilor Patrick and seconded by Councilor Robert to approve a three-month moratorium on sawmills.

Councilor Partrick rescinded his motion to approve a three-month moratorium on sawmills and asked that the topic be added to the December Town Board meeting agenda.

Councilor Partrick asked to also add the concept of primary and accessory use buildings as explained in our local zoning law to the December Town Board meeting agenda.

Councilor Greenway asked to add the cemetery at CiTi to the December Town Board meeting agenda to discuss the possibility of the Town Highway Department taking over maintenance.

A motion was made by Councilor Partrick and seconded by Supervisor Behling to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 ayes: Behling, Barber, Greenway, Partrick, and Robert, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild
Deputy Town Clerk