

December 13, 2022

The Public Hearing on the possible repeal of Local Law #1 of 2021, **LOCAL LAW TO OPT OUT OF CANNABIS ALLOWING RETAIL DISPENSERIES AND ON-SITE CONSUMPTION SITES AS AUTHORIZED UNDER CANNABIS LAW ARTICLE 4** was called to order by Supervisor Horr at 6:02 pm.

Pledge to the flag followed led by Councilperson Bacon.

Rollcall was taken and found Supervisor Horr, Councilperson Colella, Bacon, and Luce, as well as Highway Superintendent MacWhorter. Absent: Councilperson Infantino. Guest were Len Saluzzo, Greg Nelson, Kim Coleman, Yvonne Smallwood, Chuck Menosky, Cassandra Myles, Tim Redance, Brandon Burns, Caleb McMahan, Eric Dockstader, and Students from the High School Erin Elwell, Paige Curtis, and Kim Saluzzo.

Privilege of the floor was given to Kim Coleman of Highway Cigar and Smoke Shop. Kim addressed the Board and the public about the information that she sent out regarding tonight's Public Hearing. She has reached out on social media and paid for a 2-week advertisement on the radio as well as letting people know in person about this meeting. She stated that she sent out surveys to some residents. About 25% of the surveys made it back to her. Out of the ones returned, 80% were in favor of repealing Local Law #1 of 2021. Kim spoke about her business plan and how she believes this would be a useful source of tax revenue for the community. She also stated that it comes at a suitable time as the community has recently lost the Annual NYS Festival of Balloons and the Poags Hole Hill Climb. She stated she was looking forward to being a Hub between the Rochester and Buffalo area, so people can purchase product closer to home. Kim also spoke about the medical benefits that people get from cannabis and would love for residents to have the option to buy product here, and not have to travel.

In closing Kim let everyone know that it was the input from the community that drove her to form this business plan. She welcomed anybody to stop by her business for conversations and to answer any questions that they may have. She asked for the Town Board's consideration in repealing Local Law #1 of 2021.

Supervisor Horr opened the floor to the public and asked they limit their time to no more than 5 minutes. Chuck Menosky, Caleb McMahan, Eric Dockstader, Tim Redance, Cassandra Myles, Brandon Burns, and Brian Sage all spoke about benefits of having this dispensary and consumption site in the Town of North Dansville.

Councilperson Colella asked how many dispensaries people thought we would need in a town of 4,500-5,000 people? Kim Coleman did point out that regulations state in a population of 20,000 or less they cannot be within 1,000 feet of each other. He also asked Kim if she knew of any other businesses that were applying for a license in the Town or Village and she said 4.

Councilperson Bacon asked Kim if she thought there was a possibility that she does not get her license in this first round of issuing. She stated "No" there is a point system that the State will use to decide who will get a license first. Her location, and being a Women owned business will be in her favor.

Supervisor Horr did let the public know that Municipalities had to opt-out of this law by 12/31/2021. If they did not choose to opt- out, then they would automatically be opted-in and could not opt-out. The Town decided to opt-out and wait to see what kind of regulations that the State of New York would impose. If the Town opted out by the end of the year, they could opt-in at any time.

The board asked Ms. Coleman questions. All questions were answered to satisfaction. Supervisor Horr let Ms. Coleman know that the vote for repealing Local Law #1 would take place on 12/22/22 at the Town's end of the year meeting at 5:00pm. He wanted to make sure that there was a full board present as this is an important subject to the Community.

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Colella to close the public hearing @ 6:35pm. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted

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