

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

February 27, 2017

The Loudonville Village Council met for a special meeting on Monday February 27, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Loudonville Fire Station. Mayor Steve Stricklen called the meeting to order and answering roll call were Mr. Bill Welsh, Mrs. Traci Cooper, Mr. Tom Young, Mr. Roy Wilson, Mr. Michael Robinson and Mr. Jason Van Sickle. Also in attendance at the meeting were Village Solicitor Thom Gilman, Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Acting Fire Chief Mike Carey, residents Dan and Kayla Robinson, MAGF representatives Brian Hinkle and Kathy Goon, Ashland County Commissioner Dennis Bittle, and Loudonville Times Reporter Jim Brewer.

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Stricklen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTION 7-2017**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF BZGIST, LLC (DBA GLASSHOUSE FARMA) FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA PRODUCTION LICENSURE BY THE STATE OF OHIO**

Council discussed the Resolution, with Mayor Stricklen stating that the Industrial Park is the proposed site for the facility, which is estimated to bring approximately 30 jobs to Loudonville. He further noted that the developer is projecting an estimated annual revenue of two million dollars or more. Mayor Stricklen commented that the facility to cultivate the medical marijuana would require a new 45,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility, with possible expansion in the future to 75,000 square foot, further noting the product would be shipped out after harvest for processing. Councilman Van Sickle suggested that in the event the developer is granted a license to grow the medical marijuana in Loudonville, that additional education in the schools be implemented examining the laws governing both legal medical marijuana and illegal recreational use in Ohio. Councilwoman Cooper concurred, noting that it would be a good opportunity to discuss both the medical and economic benefits the facility would provide to Ohio and Loudonville. Ashland County Commissioner Denny Bittle was present to express his support of the proposed facility in Loudonville. Mohican Area Growth Foundation President Brian Hinkle acknowledged the potential for significant economic growth to the area should the facility locate in Loudonville, with Councilman Welsh concurring. Councilman Young noted that the applicant (BZGIST, LLC) is in the application process with the State, with Mayor Stricklen noting that Council's Resolution and numerous other letters of support from community and county leaders would be included with their application.

**EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE**

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Resolution No. 7-2017 be declared an emergency measure and that the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, be suspended with respect to Resolution No. 7-2017. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Wilson, yes;  
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION VOTE**

Councilwoman Cooper moved that Resolution No. 7-2017 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Wilson, yes;  
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Councilwoman Cooper moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:07 PM. Second by Councilman Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes;  
Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.

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**Fiscal Officer**

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**Mayor**