

**Township Committee Minutes**

**February 15, 2022**

A Special Meeting of the Kingwood Township Committee was called to order at 7:00P.M. with Mayor Syrnick presiding.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Mayor Ciacciarelli, Committee Member Russano, C.F.O. Diane Laudenbach, Attorney Kyle Clauss, Deputy Clerk Michele Tipton-Walters, and Clerk Cynthia Keller. Mayor Syrnick called the meeting to order and following the salute to the flag, read aloud the following:

**NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

**Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the notice in the Hunterdon Democrat and Courier News on February 10, 2022 and by telefaxing a copy of the notice to the Express Times on February 7, 2022. Copies of the notice were also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Baptistown Post Office on February 7, 2022.**

**Due to continuing COVID19 precautions, the Township Committee Special Meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 15, 2022 by a virtual zoom meeting.**

**In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this Committee, and also members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over-talk. Your cooperation is appreciated.**

**Roll Call**

Mayor Syrnick welcomed everyone at this Special Meeting. This is not a regular township meeting, but just a meeting to exchange information and hear the opinions and comments from the public regarding this type of business.

Mayor Syrnick noted there are no applications submitted at this time and there will be no votes this evening.

In July of 2021 the Township Committee adopted **Ordinance No. 21-17- 2021** An Ordinance Prohibiting the Operation of any Class of Cannabis Businesses within its Geographical Boundaries and Amend Chapter 132 "Zoning," Article I "General Provisions," Section 6 "Prohibited Uses," of the Code of the Township of Kingwood to Add Cannabis Businesses to the list of Prohibited Uses.

Mayor Syrnick mentioned reading a lot of misinformation on Facebook regarding this meeting. She proceeded to introduce all the officials for Kingwood Township for the public.

**Presentation from Representatives of Essential Cannabis Company LLC**

Mayor Syrnick introduced Robert Montuore, President from Essential Cannabis Company, LLC.

Also present from the Essential Cannabis Company were Karen Baker Kurrilo Esq., and Operations/Development Kevin Barry.

Robert Montuore gave a detailed presentation of the company and business plan. This included Community Commitment, Environmental Responsibility, Social Responsibility, Market Size, Competition, Business Model, Growth Strategy and Proposed Facility Design.

### **Public Comment – Privilege of the Floor**

The following members of the public present at the meeting gave their opinions and comments regarding the Cannabis Business:

Karen Nuckols	Robert Natuk	Amanda Kovacs
Leslie Callanan	Timothy Jordon	Carolyn Nuckols
Joe	Kurt Talke	Carolyn Beidelman
Kathy Kolvites	Eric Herbel	Bill
DCM Handyman	Zanya	Mike Haheer
Alex	Paymon Jelvani	John McAleer
<a href="mailto:Amenes@njprevent.com">Amenes@njprevent.com</a> – Annie		Bruno Casuscelli

A total of 91 people participated in the meeting.

The Township Committee thanked Robert Montuore, Karen Baker Kurrilo Esq., and Operations/Development Kevin Barry for their presentation this evening.

The Township Committee also thanked all the residents for attending the webinar.

The Township Committee did not make any decisions, motions or commitments at the meeting. This meeting was just informational and to give the residents of Kingwood a chance to comment and give their opinions.

### **Adjournment**

It was moved by Mr. Russano, seconded by Mr. Ciacciarelli and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:18P.M. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

**Very truly yours,**

**Cynthia L. Keller, RMC  
Township Clerk  
Kingwood Township**