



**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 25, 2019
VILLAGE OF CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI**

Chairman Sulzberger called the recessed Regular Meeting of November 13, 2019, to order at 6:31 pm.

Trustee Graves moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2019, seconded by Trustee Hook. All yea. Motion carried.

Chairman Sulzberger called the Public Hearing of November 25, 2019 regarding the Tobacco 21 Initiative at 6:31 PM. Those present: Trustees Debbie Crossley, Dale Goeller, Cindy Graves, Daryl Hook and Chairman Norma Sulzberger. Police Chief Matt Coonce, Fire Chief Eric Miles, and Village Clerk Jamie Wright.

Chairman Sulzberger introduced Western Regional Director Ginny Chadwick from Tobacco 21 Initiative to the audience.

Ms. Chadwick gave a PowerPoint presentation about nicotine addiction and youth statewide and national level. Chadwick also gave points about the opposition of the Tobacco 21 Initiative. She provided several statistics about nicotine in the brain and that youth's brain development continues until mid-20's. By raising the age of purchasing tobacco products to 21, it will help prevent youth from becoming addicted to nicotine. The Tobacco 21 Initiative removes the social circle from being able to purchase nicotine at an earlier age. There have been several reported studies of a decrease in cigarette and e-cigarette use rates among 18-20-year-olds. Chadwick also provided the most popular opposition of the Tobacco 21 initiative, including the decrease of city sales tax revenue, hurting business income (18-20 year olds are not a major portion of tobacco sales) and the most common argument against Tobacco 21 of being if they are "old enough to fight for our country and old enough to vote, then they are old enough to buy tobacco," when in fact, the military supports the Tobacco 21 Initiative and the military is taking active steps to reduce tobacco use in the military.

Trustee Graves asked Ms. Chadwick why the FDA does not monitor E-Cigarettes. Chadwick said they are still researching what the impact of the E-Cigarettes are.

Mayor David Slater from Pleasant Valley spoke about the Tobacco 21 Initiative and his support with the initiative. Mayor Slater mentioned even though the Governor is not getting the Tobacco 21 Initiative done, the communities are, which is what communities do.

Diane Pickert with Tri-County Mental Health as a Community Prevention Specialist introduced herself. She continued the presentation by providing a folder to the Board with more statistics. Ms. Pickert said Tri-County Mental Health is seeing an increase in anxiety, suicide, and other mental health issues because of the nicotine addiction in youth. Pickert asked if she could come to the next meeting with some teenagers that can express their feelings about the Tobacco 21 Initiative. Chairman Sulzberger asked if Ms. Pickert would come to the next meeting.

There being no further business with the Board, Trustee Graves moved to recess the meeting, subject to the call of the Chairman, seconded by Trustee Goeller. All yea. Motion carried. Recessed 7:25 pm.

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Jamie Wright

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Village Clerk

Norma Sulzberger

Norma Sulzberger, Chairman
Board of Trustees