

**PUBLIC HEARING
NYS MARIHUANA REGULATION AND TAXATION ACT
VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
OCTOBER 14, 2021**

PUBLIC HEARING FOR NYS MARIHUANA REGULATION AND TAXATION ACT, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR HAROLD SHOEMAKER AT 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF TOWN BOARD

HAROLD SHOEMAKER-DEPT. SUPV.
PENNY FLORA-COUNCILPERSON
ANDREW LARISON-COUNCILPERSON
FRED SWAYZE, JR.-COUNCILPERSON
GEORGE KETURI-SUPERVISOR-EXC

TOWN OFFICERS

HEATHER GABLE-WATER OPERATOR-EXC
TIM GRIPPO-HIGHWAY SUPT.-EXC
MARY JO LECLAIRE-ASSESSOR
RICH LECLAIRE-CODE ENFORCEMENT
DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK/COURT CLERK
BONNIE MALLEN-TOWN HISTORIAN
DUSTIN ROSE-ANIMAL CONTROL/CEMETERY CURATOR

OTHERS PRESENT: HANNAH ERB, ROBERT EASTWOOD SR., MIKE GROVER, KAREN FRICK, FRED SWAYZE, SR., SHANNON TAYLOR, DAWN STIEHL, GLENN EWING, JOHN BARTON, GERRY MESSMER, CATHY MESSMER, JANET SAYRE, LISA SNYDER, DAVID SNYDER, LAURA REDD, JOSIE LOVEJOY, SUE FRISBEE, HARRY FRISBEE, TONI MORTON, DIANNE COLE, FRANK PATTERSON, RICK HENDRICKSON, CARL SMITH, RHONDA WEEKS AND HEATHER DUNBAR.

SHOEMAKER READ LEGAL NOTICE (SEE FILE) ADVERTISED ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, ISSUE OF RANDOM HARVEST.

SWAYZE, JR. READ PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE RULES AS FOLLOWS: PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC HEARING IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK, YOU NEED TO SIGN UP PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PUBLIC HEARING. ONCE THE HEARING STARTS, IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE LIST, YOU MAY NOT ADDRESS THE TOWN BOARD. PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED TO SPEAK IN THE ORDER THAT THEY SIGNED UP. WHEN CALLED UPON TO ADDRESS THE TOWN BOARD, YOU NEED TO STATE YOUR NAME AND WHERE YOU LIVE AND YOU WILL BE GIVEN 2 MINUTES TO ISSUE YOUR STATEMENT. IF YOU ARE NOT A RESIDENT, TAXPAYER OR REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE TOWN OF VAN ETTEN, YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ADDRESS THE TOWN BOARD.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AUDIENCE:

- MS. DUNBAR ENCOURAGED TOWN BOARD TO OPT OUT OF ADULT USE MARIHUANA DISPENSARY AND CONSUMPTION AND ALLOW FOR OPPORTUNITY TO SEE FUTURE CONSEQUENCES, CONCERNED WITH HEALTH EFFECTS OF CANNABIS ON DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.
- MR. SWAYZE, SR. INDICATED TOWN BOARD SHOULD LOOK AT FUTURE AND WHAT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES ARE DOING.

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- MR. EASTWOOD ASKED TOWN BOARD TO CONDUCT SPECIAL VOTE BEFORE PROCEEDING IF TOWN CHOOSES TO OPT IN.
- MR. BARTON DOES NOT WANT TOWN OF VAN ETTEN TO OPT IN.
- MS. FRICK ASKED FOR TOWN TO OPT IN, SHE BELIEVES HAVING REGULATED AND MEASURED DISPENSARY IS GOOD IDEA AND BELIEVES CANNABIS WOULD BE SAFER THAN PRIVATE SELLERS. MS. FRICK ASKS IF BOARD IS MOVING TO OPT OUT THAT BOARD WAITS UNTIL DECEMBER TO MAKE DECISION AND ATTEND VILLAGE OF ODESSA'S (300 E. MAIN ST, ODESSA) OCTOBER 20, 2021 MEETING AT 7:00PM THAT DISCUSSES MARIHUANA REGULATION (IN ATTENDANCE; SHERIFF, POTENTIAL DISPENSARY AND ATTORNEY). MS. FRICK DOES NOT AGREED WITH ON SITE USE. SWAYZE, JR. ASKED FOR EMAIL FROM MR. MESSMER (MAYOR OF VILLAGE OF ODESSA).

SHOEMAKER NOTED TOWN WOULD LIKE MARIHUANA REGULATION TAX ACT ON BALLOT NEXT YEAR. SHOEMAKER RECOMMENDED READING RANDOM HARVEST ARTICLE (OCTOBER 13, 2021 ISSUE) REGARDING VILLAGE OF SPENCER'S MEETING REGARDING NYS MARIHUANA REGULATION AND TAXATION ACT.

ADJOURN AT 7:13 P.M. MOTION BY SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED BY LARISON. ALL AYE. CARRIED.