

**PUBLIC HEARING
NYS MARIHUANA REGULATION AND TAXATION ACT
LOCAL LAW 4 OF 2021
VAN ETEN TOWN BOARD
DECEMBER 2, 2021**

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW 4 OF 21 -NYS MARIHUANA REGULATION AND TAXATION ACT, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR KETURI 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

TOWN OFFICERS

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

OTHERS PRESENT: FRED SWAYZE, SR., JANET SAYRE, STACIE MOORE, RUTH COMBS AND HEATHER DUNBAR.

KETURI READ LEGAL NOTICE (SEE FILE) ADVERTISED ON NOVEMBER 17, 2021, ISSUE OF RANDOM HARVEST AND NOVEMBER 13, 2021 EDITION OF MORNING TIMES.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AUDIENCE:

- MS. DUNBAR IS IN FAVOR OF TOWN BOARD TO OPT OUT OF ADULT USE MARIHUANA DISPENSARY AND CONSUMPTION AND OPTING OUT IS REVERSABLE.
- MS. MOORE WOULD LIKE TO OPT OUT AND INDICATED TOO MANY DRUGS ON STREETS.

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.

SWAYZE, JR. STATED HE ATTENDED PUBLIC MEETING IN ODESSA WITH SHOEMAKER AND HE FEELS THERE'S TOO MANY "HOLES" IN LAW RIGHT NOW. SWAYZE, JR. NOTED THIS DECISION SHOULD BE MADE BY TOWN RESIDENTS AND NOT TOWN BOARD; MANY FACTORS RELATED TO CANNABIS LAW, I.E., ZONING. TOWN BOARD IS NOT "BANNING" CANNABIS, OPTING OUT FOR NOW AND NOT OPTING IN (TOWN CAN NOT RESERVE THAT DECISION) HOWEVER, TOWN CAN CHOOSE TO OPT IN AT LATER DATE.

SHOEMAKER NOTED MEETING IN ODESSA HAD SIMILAR RESPONSE REGARDING OPTING OUT OF NEW CANNABIS LAW. SHOEMAKER STATED RAMS MEETING DISCUSSED NEW CANNABIS LAW AND MOST LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES ARE OPTING OUT FOR NOW.

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LARISON AGREES WITH OPTING OUT FOR NOW.

SWAYZE, JR. STATED REVENUE FROM NEW CANNABIS LAW WOULD BE DISPERSED FOR CERTAIN ITEMS, I.E., DRUG REHABILITATION.

RESOLUTION 78-21

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN ADOPTS LOCAL LAW 4 OF 2021 TO OPT OUT OF RETAIL DISPENSARY LICENSE AND ON-SITE CONSUMPTION LICENSE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW YORK STATE CANNABIS LAW. SPONSOR: SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED: LARISON. ALL AYE

KETURI ASKED ABOUT "NO PARKING" SIGNS LOCATED IN TOWN HALL PARKING LOT. GRIPPO HAD THEM MADE AND ERECTED THEM IN PARKING LOT. ALL BOARD MEMBERS AGREED TO HAVE THEM REMOVED FROM PARKING LOT.

SHOEMAKER NOTED SIGN IN BANFIELD SQUARE SHOULD READ "CLEAN UP AFTER DOG" AND DOGS SHOULD BE ALLOWED.

SHOEMAKER PICKED UP \$2,000 CHECK FOR SPENCER FOOD BANK FROM FRANK COMO'S SECRETARY, TONI AND WILL INVITE MR. KERMIT BOSSARD TO TOWN BOARD MEETING TO PRESENT TO HIM.

SHOEMAKER ASKED TONI TO INVESTIGATE ~\$3900 THAT WAS WITHHELD FROM CHECK FOR SALE OF VILLAGE FIRE STATION BUILDING-SHE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH SHOEMAKER.

ADJOURN AT 7:26 P.M. MOTION BY LARISON. SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. ALL AYE. CARRIED.