
**PUBLIC HEARING
Village of Hesperia, Michigan**

January 14, 2019
7:00 PM

Call to order: President Farber called this Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken with a quorum noted.

Roll Call: Members Present: Kristin DenBesten, Carol Kochans, Mike Maynard, Joyce McDonald, Jim Smith
Members Absent: J.R. Derks

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Bonnie Robinson, Bill Rumsey, Terry Beardsley, Anthony Boylan, Allison Scarbrough, Chuck Yob, Troy Slocum, Jackie Slocum, Josh Jones, Alan Pierce, Jim Draper, Emily Laisure, Todd Laisure

THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS CALLED TO DISCUSS MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES ORDINANCE

- What type of facility would be opening next door? President Farber explained that it would be a Grow, Dispensary and Manufacturing Facility.
- Would Recreational Marihuana be allowed in Hesperia? President Farber explained that there was a Moratorium placed on it for 1 year.
- Who is overseeing the compliance of Medical Marihuana Facilities? President Farber said the Hesperia Police Department and the State of Michigan
- How many facilities are allowed in the Village? Attorney Zaneta Adams explained that there will be 2 Class, 2 Class and 2 Class licenses available.
- How would you apply for a license? After the ordinance is approved, you would apply with the Village Clerk
- Will a facility open next door to the Village Hall? Yes, that is the intent.
- What do they have to do to comply with Security? Attorney Adams explained that they have to have 24/7 video surveillance 360 degrees and at least 1080 pixel resolution.
- Do they have to have an armed guard? Attorney Adams explains that Federal Law prohibits having firearms in a drug related facility.
- Do they do background checks on employees and shareholders? Yes, State of Michigan checks for the shareholders and the employers must do background checks on their employees.
- Interim Chief Hull asked if the local police department would follow up on complaints? Yes. The facility will want to be good neighbors in order to get their license renewed.
- How much does it cost for each license? \$5,000.00.
- Debra Pagan asked if Hesperia will be hiring more police officers? President Farber said, not at this time.

- Can we ask for more patrols from Oceana and Newaygo Counties as well as State Police? President Farber said yes, and we have done this in the past when we are short on coverage.
- Josh Jones asked about additional security on 4th of July because there will be more people in town. The 24/7 video surveillance should be sufficient.
- Josh Jones asked how the police department is going to handle the influx of calls. President Farber said that they would evaluate the need for more officers when situation arises.
- Recourse of residents complaining? President Farber said that we will look into each complaint and handle on a case to case basis.
- Chuck Yob explained he wants to be a good neighbor in order to get license renewed.
- Attorney Adams said there are ways to revoke a license at any time, if the facility is not in compliance with the ordinance.
- Chuck Yob said that his partners invested \$250,000 before building and that is incentive to get renewed.
- What are some of the advantages? President Farber responded that there are licensing fees, hiring of up to 20 people and there would be residual income to local businesses.
- Jayne Biggart asked about noise ordinances. President Farber said it should fall under business hours. Quiet times are 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM
- Josh Jones asked if it included industrial properties or are they excluded? Attorney Adams said that it would be separate than zoning. It should be a complaint.
- Jayne Biggart said it could be a health issue. Attorney Adams said that the Village can adjust what zone they would like the facility in.
- Jim Draper had questions about ordinances, smell, sound. President Farber said that is all addresses in the ordinance. The ordinance could be reviewed in one year and we can adopt other parts to this ordinance.
- Josh Jones asked what background checks would be performed. The State of Michigan does background checks for the shareholders and the employers must do background checks on their employees. Mr. Yob stated that they are trying to hire local residents.
- Debra Pagan inquired about the chief of police position. Was told that this hearing was for Medical Marijuana and she could address her question at the next meeting in a few minutes.

After some discussion and explanations the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion made by Kochans to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by McDonald. All in favor. Adjourned at 7:28 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk

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