

Orange Township Board
Special Public Medical Marihuana Meeting
265 W David Hwy Ionia Mi 48846
Berlin – Orange Fire Station
December 12 2017

- 1) Special Meeting was called to Order at 6pm
 - 2) Present – Green, Plett, Wittenbach and First. Cody arrived late. Also present Kevin Montanago (property owner), Denise Pollicella ESQ. (Medical Cannabis Attorney) and Matt Rosenmen(sp?) (Site Manager) and many township residents and business owners in the township including local sheriff
 - 3) Pledge of allegiance by all present
 - 4) Approval of Agenda motioned by First with support from Wittenbach Motion carried
 - 5) Plett reminded those in attendance that medical marihuana is legal and this special meeting was for information for the residents, what a business such as this could mean for the township and any future revenue that could be received. The proposed site is located at 3613 S State Rd #A Ionia. Supervisor agreed and turned the meeting over to Montanago to proceed and for introductions of his team
 - 6) Montanago introduced himself and his team. Pollicella presented information on marihuana caregiving growing that is already active in the state. She then went on to discuss current laws which included the different levels of licensing for a medical marihuana facility of growing, processing, transporting and retail. The strict state inspection of facilities was also pointed out. Also included were the financial aspects towards the township such as licensing fees and state sales revenue to the township. A lot of information was given to the residents during this meeting. Rosenmen discussed the growing and state inspection aspects of such an operation under the new laws. It was disclosed that marihuana is already being grown in the proposed location under the caregiver laws.
 - 7) Public Comment; Many questions were asked and answered including; the township can limit which license(s) to grant in township as it doesn't have to be allowed for all levels. All licenses are renewable yearly and can be denied. Security issues, traffic issues and even water/sewage was brought up and discussed. Signage on building would be very limited and not a problem. Bill Rosen (Ionia Sparrow Hospital) expressed concerns about his hospital's doctor licenses. This would never be a problem as those doctors don't prescribe alterative drugs. Also that writing an ordinance to allow a facility can always be revisited anytime in the future. There were many comments for both sides of for and against such a facility.
- A decision will be made at the Regular Township Board Meeting immediately following this meeting
- 8) Motion to adjourn meeting made at 7:35pm by Cody with support from First Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Linn Plett
Orange Township Clerk

approved January 9th 2018

Orange township Board Members; *Supervisor;* Tom Green *Clerk;* Linn Plett
Treasurer; Karla Wittenbach *Trustees;* Josh First and Jeff Cody