

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ZOOM
LAMB MEMORIAL BUILDING
5602 Main Street, Dryden MI 48428
January 24, 2023
Public Hearing Use Variance**

I. MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Graham Called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

Roll Call: Roszczewski, Weaver, Jones, Franz (6:02) & Graham
Absent: None

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION by Roszczewski, supported by Weaver, to approve the Agenda as presented.
Council voiced all ayes, Carried 4-0

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Use Variance for 5481 Main Street, Dryden MI 48428

Erika Zuhlke spoke about her experience as a Vet Tech and that she has started a non-profit in 2018. She has a network of volunteers that will assist in the rescue and rehabilitation of the animals. Also she has helped between 400-500 animals. She is currently running this out of her home and at her parents in Attica.

It is licensed through the State of Michigan. The upstairs will be for the small mammal rehabilitation and the downstairs will be vendors similar to what the previous owner had and go with the theme of the store. Stated the rental fee will be consider a donation back to Critter Crossing.

Animal intakes will be done through the back door of the building. There will be security precaution in place. Planning to have live streaming cameras. Red Fox are the largest animals that they will be taking in.

In the spring or summer could have up to 40 animals at a time.

Questions was asked about order control. Erika currently has in home and she doesn't smell an order and has had guests and to her knowledge there is no order.

Bedding and waste will be disposed of in an appropriate manner and will plan to have a dumpster.

When an animal passes it will go in the freezer and be incinerated.

Hours of operation-stated there are no set hours as of right now.

Stated there would be no animal storage outside. And no public access to the upstairs.

Graham expressed concern about an upstairs escape plan and best course of action.

All animals will be wormed and vaccinated.

No food Products will be sold on premises.

Reynolds expressed concern regarding if they had to pay taxes like the other businesses owners in the district.

Harbor and Evans stated the same concern about the taxes in the district and loss it will have in that district if they are tax exempt.

Zuhlke stated she would be in contact with Fire Department and Construction Code about the fire escape.

Roszczewski stated he would like to send it to committee to review and bring back to council at the next regular council with stipulations of the variance and check about fire evacuation through Chief.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjournment at 6:45 P.M.