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PUBLIC HEARING  
Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
March 14, 2022  
7:00 PM

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**Call to order:** President Farber called this Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall. Roll Call was taken.

**Roll Call:** Members Present: Dan Herin, Joyce McDonald, Jackie Slocum, Jim Smith, Sara Walker, Mike Farber

Also present: Clerk Burrell, David Casey, Sharita Prowant

THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS CALLED TO DISCUSS THE 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

President Farber and Clerk Burrell reviewed the proposed budget. The total amount of the FY 2022/2023 budget is \$1,519,310 which is \$129,869 higher than the previous year's budget. A total of \$519,210 will be transferred in from cash which is \$116,209 higher than the previous year.

The budget includes \$72,000 for playground equipment for Weaver Park, \$8,000 for repairs to the Fireman's bell tower and entrance signs, \$250,000 for Local Street repairs and a 3% raise for village employees. This also includes \$9,600 fee for the final year of the Hydro Corp agreement. The budget for the Police Department has remained the same as the previous year

- David Casey inquired about keeping the police department. President Farber explained that we are currently looking for a chief and officers and both counties will be helping in the interim.
- Casey asked about the playground equipment, Farber said that it is expensive but we are looking into a joint community project to construct the equipment to keep the cost lower.
- Casey asked about the operating budget and President Farber and Clerk Burrell gave him an overview of it. Casey mentioned that he was glad to see that the budget increased. He inquired about the age of the water system. President Farber explained the lead and copper rule set by the State of Michigan and how we would comply with the rules. Farber mentioned that the areas up near Lizzie, Mary Court and Munn Street had fairly new water mains.
- Casey asked if there any shortfalls in property taxes. Clerk Burrell explained that the village was unique because it was located in two counties and the counties set the millage and prepared the property tax database. Burrell explained if a resident went delinquent and it went to the county, the county would send us a check for the amount collected.
- Sharita Prowant inquired why the Sewer fund had \$55,390 transferred in from cash the prior year and it was less this year. Clerk Burrell explained that there was money budgeted last year for sludge removal at the W.W.T.F. and this year, Fleis and Vandenbrink is doing a study of the W.W.T.F. and we will make a budget amendment at that time.

President Farber asked if there were any questions. No one had any questions.

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum  
Motion to adjourn  
ALL IN FAVOR

**(motion CARRIED)**

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell  
Hesperia Village Clerk