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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Village of Hesperia, Michigan**  
June 13, 2022  
7:00 PM

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**Call to order:** Pro-Tem Joyce McDonald called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken.

**Roll Call:** Members Present: Stephanie Halverson, Dan Herin, Joyce McDonald, Jackie Slocum, Jim Smith, Cathy Webster  
Members Absent: Mike Farber  
Also present: Clerk Burrell, Jen Thomas, Marshall Monroe, Jonathan Monroe, Thomas Meoak, Jim Draper, Carrie Draper, Debra Pagan, Tammie Nguyen, Cammie Hussey, Steven Hussey, Jenn Way, Derek Way, Terry Beardsley Jr.

**THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS CALLED FOR TRUTH IN TAXATION**

- Clerk Burrell explained the millage rate was set to increase to 13.8162 if it was adopted at the 7:30 PM meeting. She explained that Oceana County sets the millage rate for the Village of Hesperia including the portion that sits in Newaygo County. She stated by having the Truth in Taxation hearing, the village would receive \$6,499 in gained revenue. She explained that it was a complicated process and if anyone had any questions, that they could reach out to Ed Vandervries from Oceana County Equalization.
- Jim Draper inquired about the tax increase and said that he owned a business in town.
- Marshall Monroe stated that he was new to the area and asked what condition the Village was in financially. He asked if it was in the green or the red. Clerk Burrell stated that the village was operating in the green. He stated that he was one a fixed income and was against any property tax increase.
- Dan Herin asked how much the village would receive if the millage did not pass. The village would receive 0.15% which equates to around \$1,000.
- Jen Thomas asked the audience to their own poll and the majority present were not for having the increase. She said she was not for raising taxes unless it was needed.
- Cammie Hussey spoke about the property values near her and there were two houses near her that were making her values go down.
- Thomas Meoak asked if there was a need for the money and where the money would go. Clerk Burrell explained that the monies would go into the general fund to cover operating costs, administrative pay and building upkeep.
- Pro Tem Joyce McDonald stated that we would gain more revenues if the millage was passed.
- Cammie Hussey inquired how many taxable lots were in the village. Clerk Burrell estimated that there could be around 450 but was not for sure.
- Pro Tem Joyce McDonald asked if anyone had any questions. No one had any questions.

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin  
Motion to adjourn  
ALL IN FAVOR  
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

**(motion CARRIED)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell  
Hesperia Village Clerk

**“Village of Hesperia is an equal opportunity provider and employer”**