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PUBLIC HEARING  
Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
January 09, 2023  
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: Don Bostrom, Stephanie Halverson, Dan Herin, Joyce McDonald, Jackie Slocum, Jim Smith, Mike Farber

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Steve Micklin, Julie Burrell, Aaron Slate, Keleigh Grim, Steve Styx and Terry Beardsley Jr.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO DISCUSS THE ZONING DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE FOR 194 N. DIVISION.

President Farber opened the hearing and introduced Steve Micklin, Zoning Administrator. He explained that Aaron Slate from Bob’s Drugs was requesting a dimensional variance for an apartment that is under the minimum amount of 576 square feet according to Code of Ordinances. Steve Micklin reviewed the requested and is favor of the variance.

Keleigh Grim, the architect on the project, was introduced and went over a presentation on the building and what the project entailed. She explained that by creating an entry way and shared utility space, one of the apartments has less square footage than the others. She explained that they are working with the current structural walls of the building to keep the cost lower. She said that there is a housing shortage in this area and this project allowed for three apartments. She explained that people are trending down to smaller spaces that are more affordable. She stated that some of the surrounding municipalities are looking at reducing the minimum square footage for housing.

Julie Burrell, Economic Development director for Newaygo County, spoke on the importance of the village becoming certified by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation because it allows businesses like Bob’s Drugs to apply for grant monies to make improvements to their buildings. She brought up that this building has history in the community and has been there for a long time. It was rolled to the current site on logs and horse and carriage over a 100 years ago. She stated that it will be nice to see a historical building preserved.

President Farber asked if anyone had any further questions. No one had any questions.

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Herin (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to adjourn  
ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell  
Hesperia Village Clerk