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PUBLIC HEARING  
Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
April 10, 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, Joann Borgman, Scott Hall, Adeline Hummel, Todd Laisure, Emily Laisure, Nancy Conley, Deb Pagan, Tammie Nguyen, Terry Beardsley, Jr., Rhonda Wright, Richard Verhaar, Mike Maynard and others not mentioned.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS CALLED TO DISCUSS THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT PLAN

President Farber introduced Scott Hall and Adeline Hummel from Fleis & Vandenbrink. They presented the C.W.S.R.F. Project Plan for improvements to the W.W.T.F. The need for the project was discussed and descriptions of the recommended improvements, project scope and budget were given. The Waste Water Treatment Facility was created in 1977 and there has been some improvements over the years but a substantial number of new improvements need to be made in order to improve the longevity of the plant. The plant has aging infrastructure and the outdated machines are making it hard to find parts to repair it.

Fleis & Vanderbrink are recommending that the Village of Hesperia choose Alternative #2 which includes: Installation of Mechanical Influent Screening, a control structure and associated piping and valve replacement, berm maintenance of aeration cells, aeration system blowers, diffusers and air piping replacement, removal of biosolids, irrigation pump system improvements and improvements of the existing irrigation system. The total project cost would be approximately \$5.4 million dollars.

Questions from the public related to the project plan including cost per user, the actual need of the project and why it has deteriorated so much. Scott explained that age is the main reason that the W.W.T.F. is in the shape that it is in. Other questions where if the site had been maintained, would it have prolonged it's life. Scott Hall answered by stating that the plant had been maintained to the best of the village's ability and that the main reason of failure was the age of the infrastructure. A few questions were raised about the increased cost to cover the project. Scott and Mike Farber explained that the project plan was created to apply for grants or low interest loans. The project could also be scaled back so that the increase to the utility invoices would be more manageable. Mike Farber stated that two of the pumps were replaced two years ago and some of the blowers were replaced three years ago so those items would not need to be done. Another public hearing would be held in future once we have received notice from the State of Michigan regarding the outcome of the application

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

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

**(motion CARRIED)**

Hearing adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell  
Hesperia Village Clerk