
PUBLIC HEARING
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
May 25, 2023
6:00 PM

Call to order: President Farber called this Public Hearing to order at 6:05 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, Ben Kladder, Trever Boer, Deb Pagan, Tammie Nguyen and Tracy Knapp.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS CALLED TO DISCUSS THE
DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND

President Farber introduced Ben Kladder and Trevor Boer from Fleis & VandenBrink. They presented the D.W.S.R.F. Project Plan for improvements to the water system including purpose of the project, needs and problem areas, alternatives considered, scope of the recommended project, project cost, timeline and schedule, potential community impacts, and next steps. Ben Kladder said the total capital cost of the project was \$23,700,000.00. He explained that once the State of Michigan releases the amount that municipalities will be awarded based on scoring in the project priority list (PPL), the scope can be adjusted if needed at that time.

Some of the improvements include new service lines to meet EGLE lead and copper rules,, replacing water meters including radio read capability, replacing water mains, replacing Well #3 due to PFOA being present, storage tank improvements, and a water treatment facility to help with iron levels and quality of water.

Questions from the public related to local of iron removal plant; the projected site will need to be in a central location near the new well site to reduce the amount of new transmission lines to be built. Joyce McDonald asked about how many meters were being replaced. Ben explained that 163 had already been replaced and 163 needs to be replaced, and all meters would be upgraded to include remote read capabilities. Debra Pagan inquired who decided where the new water mains were going. Ben explained said that it was based on the oldest main being replaced. She commented that her water smells terrible and has complained in the past and her water quality issues have not been addressed. Jackie Slocum said that the water quality will improve with the filtration plant. McDonald inquired about the total cost of the project. Ben said that preliminary calculations indicate that the Village would be considered “Significantly Overburdened” which qualify the Village for principal forgiveness. However, the amount of principal forgiveness is not known at this time and will be determined by EGLE. The Village will have to wait for the PPL and scoring to be released by EGLE to know how much principal forgiveness may be offered.

Slocum asked about historical data on the age of the water mains. Ben said that there was not a lot found, however AC watermain was installed in the 1980's. Farber commented that Mary Court had been added in the 1980's and Munn Street was done around 2013. Slocum inquired about the future site of the well and if we had a better idea of where it would be located. Farber responded stating that F&V was looking into feasibility of locating the new well on school property.

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

Hearing adjourned at 6:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk

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