
PUBLIC HEARING
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
June 12, 2023
7:00 PM

Call to order: President Farber 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: Donald Bostrom, Stephanie Halverson, Dan Herin, Joyce McDonald, Jackie Slocum, Jim Smith and Mike Farber
Present Via telephone: Ed VanderVries, Oceana County Equalization
Also present: Clerk Burrell, Steve Micklin, Joanne Borgman, jane Bostrom, Debra Pagan, Tammie Nguyen, Bruce Bart and Nancy Conley.

THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS CALLED FOR TRUTH IN TAXATION

President Farber stated that the Public Hearing was for Truth in Taxation. He introduced Ed VanderVries from Oceana County Equalization via telephone and he explained to the audience about the Headlee Millage Reduction Rate which allows the village to levy up to maximum amount. He said that the maximum allowed millage rate this year would be 13.8162. He stated that the village could levy something less than the maximum if that was preferred. President Farber asked if anyone had any more questions for Ed. The telephone call was ended at 7:10 PM.

Jane Bostrom asked why the village would be raising taxes if the village already could cover their debts. She asked the council to give it serious thought before raising everyone’s taxes and to possibly raise the millage a lesser amount so it would not hurt all the residents as much.

Debra Pagan stated that she saw that the village was providing less and less services but wanted to increase taxes. She commented that the police department was closed and we should be saying money on that department. Farber commented that the village has been under budget at the end of the fiscal year for the past few years. He said that the village is trying to save money for future projects such as upgrading the water system. She asked why the village was purchasing a new conference room table when the old ones worked fine. Mike Farber explained that the tables were from the 1970’s and the council wanted to bring the décor up to date. Jackie Slocum said the council was working hard to improve the village and to get the community to be nicer.

Joanne Borgman commented that she thought all of council members were working hard at applying for grants to improve the village and for trying to keep costs low.

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

The public hearing was closed at 7:24 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk

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