

**MINUTES OF DIMONDALE VILLAGE COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING**

136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821

November 13, 2023

Denis S. Prisk Jr. Clerk

6:30 p.m. Meeting called to order by President Reznick.

Present: Bowen, Bower, Campbell, Conarton, Haidamous, Reznick, Tardino

Also Present: Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

President Reznick called the Public Hearing to order and explained the purpose was to take comments on the intended purchase of the properties of the First Presbyterian Church of Dimondale. He further explained that each person would be limited to a five-minute comment period.

Tardino read the fact sheet aloud. Reznick opened the comment portion of the meeting.

- Mike Shaner, village resident, questioned the disposition of the current Village Office space if the purchase proceeds.
- Pam Austin, village resident, questioned the how much the church is asking for the properties, how the offer was determined and if property taxes will increase if the purchase goes through.
- Roger Rich, village resident, spoke about lack of solid numbers.
- Jill Bowen, village resident, spoke about repairs being included.
- Roger Rich expressed concern over the amount paid to acquire and the future costs.
- Pam Austin spoke about the parking shortage in the Village and questioned if parking could be expanded on the south side of the river.
- Mike Shaner questioned what percentage of the current surplus the proposed \$30,000 annual operating costs are and if part of the \$750,000 appropriation could be put into a sinking fund.
- Pam Austin asked if the groups currently using the community space are required to pay.
- Roger Rich expressed concern about legacy costs for maintenance and repairs.

With no additional comments, Reznick closed the Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m.

