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July 23, 2024

Re: Anchors Way High Water Infrastructure (HWI) Grant Public Meeting  
July 31, 2024 at 6 PM in City Hall Commission Chambers  
700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, Michigan

Dear Marina Island Resident or Property Owner,

The City of St. Joseph would like to invite you to a public information meeting on July 31, 2024. The meeting will take place at City Hall from 6 pm to 7 pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to share the City's and Wade Trim's recent efforts to analyze and determine a potential solution to the flooding that often occurs along Anchors Way after rainfall events.

In November 2022, the City applied for a High-Water Infrastructure Grant from the State of Michigan. In July 2023, we were informed that the application was selected for funding, and a grant of \$144,800 was awarded August 2023. Since that time, the team has been in the process of analyzing the frequency of the flooding, and looking at possible alternatives and potential solutions that would reduce the impact and severity of the flooding on the users of, and property owners along Anchors Way. We want to share our findings and our proposed solution to this long-standing public problem and get your input prior to moving into the final design stage for this project.

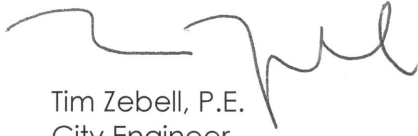
As most residents and property owners on Marina Island know, there are portions of the Island that are below the 100-year floodplain elevation. This fact makes it extremely challenging to find solutions that will eliminate flooding during the larger storm events. Given that the Island is surrounded by segments of the St. Joseph River and Morrison Channel that fall within the influence of Lake Michigan, high Lake levels complicate a potential solution even more. However, we have a preferred alternative to improve the level of service to those who use Anchors Way. The alternative is aimed at helping to reduce the duration and severity of the flooding during rain events in the future. The preferred alternative includes a combination of drainage improvements and raising the roadway elevation.

Wade Trim will be present to share the project team's recent analysis and information with you. The draft Power Point is available by following the project link on the City Engineer webpage located here:  
<https://www.sjcity.com/cityengineer>.

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We look forward to your input and participation and hope to see you at City Hall on July 31, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Please feel free to contact me at (269) 985-0339 with any comments or questions. Thank you for your attention to this notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Zebell', with a stylized, cursive script.

Tim Zebell, P.E.  
City Engineer

Cc: City Commission  
John Hodgson, City Manager  
Emily Hackworth, Assistant City Manager  
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