

VILLAGE OF HESPERIA
Regular Council Meeting

September 10, 2012

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Call to order: President Derks called this regular Village Council Meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with a quorum noted.

Roll Call: Members Present: JR Derks Clyde Crawford Doris DeLong Lou Nemastil
Jim Smith Joyce McDonald Jacob Hornbrook
Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jeff McCray Bonnie Robinson Dale Gibbs Michelle Bieri Mike Ashker
Ken Ward Monica Grimard Tony Grimard

Motion by Crawford/ Seconded by DeLong (motion carried)

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held August 13, 2012. All were in favor.

The agenda was presented.

Motion by DeLong/ Seconded by Nemastil (motion carried)

A motion was made to approve the invoices for the month of August 2012 in the amount of \$45,078.52. All were in favor.

Correspondence: President Derks brought up the letter from Newaygo County Emergency Services with reference to the "Narrowband Mandate and Outdoor Warning Sirens" asking the Village to take part in the FY2009 Homeland Security Grant. The letter was dated August 23, 2012 and our response was supposed to be to them by August 31, 2012. However, the President could not respond without a vote by the council. The President also brought up a letter dated August 28, 2012 from the Michigan Department of Transportation stating that our July 2012 payment in the amount of \$7,845.58 was withheld for non-compliance to the Act 51 report which was due on July 31, 2012. He said that he has never received a letter like this before. He asked the auditors to handle this right away.

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Public Comments: Monica Grimard, who is a teacher at the Hesperia Public Schools, came in with a plan for “On the River Archway” a metal and ceramic sculpture that will be placed at Webster Park upon its estimated May 31, 2013 completion. The artist O’Brien Objects, LLC will be doing the sculpture along with the help of the students at Hesperia Public Schools. This will be at no cost to the Village.

Motion by DeLong / Seconded by Nemastil (motion carried)

A motion was made to suspend the rules for this month, so we could address the ceramic sculpture that will be placed in Webster Park, even though this was not on the agenda. All were in favor.

Motion by McDonald / Seconded by Hornbrook (motion carried)

A motion was made to let the Parks Committee work with Monica Grimard in handling all the arrangements pertaining to the “On the River Archway” sculpture and to make any decisions with regard to this project. All were in favor.

Committee Reports:

Ambulance: None

Streets, Sidewalks & Equipment: None

Finance, Budget & Insurance: None

Technology, Ordinance, Civic, Website & Newsletter: Lou Nemastil stated that the Ordinance Books are ready to be distributed to all of the Council Trustee’s.

Village Hall & Lighting: Clyde Crawford referred to the letter that was received from AT&T dated July 25, 2012 for a request to change some of the wording in their contract with the Village. The letter was sent to the Village Attorney for review and he had just received word back from the attorney that this would be acceptable. He will be contacting AT&T.

Personnel & Salary: Doris DeLong stated that her committee will be finalizing the employee handbook soon.

Dams, Parks & Recreation: None

Cable TV: None

Water & Sewer: None

Grants, Fundraising & Chamber-Interact: None

Police/Zoning Report: Chief Gibbs reported that they had a total of 118 calls this month. The most were 69 calls/reports, 21 arrests, 19 traffic citations, 2 parking citations and 6 traffic accidents. The Zoning Department has issued 3 zoning permits along with 2 Site Plan Reviews. Zoning Ordinance Violations reported were 8, which consisted of (grass and trash) after some discussion this order, was proclaimed: At the Order of the Village President, the Zoning Administrator Dale Gibbs and the DPW Supervisor Ken Ward will be in charge of handling all lawn & trash ordinance violations.

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The request to give variance to split the lot between Elm and Lynn Alley was not voted on.

DPW Report: Ken Ward further explained the contents of the AT&T letter that Clyde Crawford referred to in his report. He also will be setting up a meeting next week with the Engineers, Todd MacLean and the Village Council to discuss the problems that still have not been resolved with the Water Project. He said that he is still checking on the new pump for the sewer site. He would also like to have a representative from the Department of Fish and Game come to the next council meeting to talk about putting secondary boards at the dam site. This would be at no cost to the Village.

Old Business:

Motion by Derks / Seconded by Crawford (motion carried)

A motion was made to sell the scraped Village's decommissioned fire hydrants as there were no sealed bids received. All were in favor.

New Business:

Motion by Derks / Seconded by DeLong (motion carried)

A motion was made to have the Village Clerk work 40 hours a week and the Village Treasurer to work 24 hours per week.

Ayes 6

Nays 1

Motion by Derks / Seconded by Nemastil (motion carried)

A motion was made to have the Finance, Budget & Insurance Committee along with the Personnel & Salary Committee make the final decision on our Insurance Carrier for the Village on or before October 1, 2012. All were in favor.

Miscellaneous: None

Adjournment:

Motion by Derks / Seconded by McDonald (motion carried)

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:15 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrecia E. Grossenbacher
Village Clerk