

**Village of Hesperia
Regular Council Meeting**

July 13, 2015

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

Roll Call: Members Present: Doris DeLong Carol Kochans Joyce McDonald Mike Farber
Lou Nemastil Jayne Biggart Arthur Raymond

Also present: Sally Kraley, Lil Eitnear, Gail Tilly, Chris Turple, Lawrence Smith, Jean Carson, Chris Wilbur, Eileen Nelson, Bonnie Robinson, Bill Rumsey, Eric Hoenshell, Clerk Miller.

Approval of Agenda: Yeas – Biggart, Nemastil, DeLong, Farber, Kochans, Raymond. Nays - McDonald

Motion by Kochans/Seconded by Farber (motion CARRIED)

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 8, 2015.
All in favor.

Motion by Raymond/Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)

A motion was made to approve the invoices for the month of June 2015 in the amount of \$62,437.05.
Yeas – Biggart, Kochans, Raymond, DeLong, Farber, Nemastil, Nays - McDonald

Announcements/Correspondence:

Sally Kraley was present to report to council on the progress and plans for the “Hesperia 150” Committee aka “Sesquicentennial” Committee. She reported the initial celebration would be on July 4th, 2016 followed by 8 (eight) weekends of special events outlining the Hesperia 150. She introduced Christine Turple as the co-chair of the committee. The website is: Hesperia150.org for further information and details. Ms. Turple also outlined the proposed cost and budgeting.

President Nemastil reported he received a letter from Ryan Good introducing himself, Mr. Good is an attorney who has set up an office in the Village.

Committee Reports:

Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation:

Streets, Sidewalks & Equipment:

Water & Sewer: DeLong reported there had been some water breaks, but has since been repaired.

Finance, Budget & Insurance: Chair Person Doris DeLong commented the Village needed to continue to watch the spending.

Ordinance: Chair McDonald reported she will schedule a meeting to discuss some previous ordinances and possibly introduce some new ones.

Ambulance:

Personnel & Salary: Carol Kochans reported on a Personnel meeting that was held June 24, 2015.

Village Hall, Village Facilities & Lighting:

Grants, Fundraising, Chamber-Interact: Chair Biggart reported she is gathering information on taking a grant writing class online. This will enable her to proceed with a grant request for a new plow truck for the Village. Probably too late this year as the deadline is July 31st. She also spoke with a bond attorney, the cost to help

with the bond is \$3,000 with some additional costs. The grant request would be \$135,000, but the grant could pay up to 25%.

Technology, Website, Cable TV:

Police & Zoning Reports: Chief Gibbs gave the following report: 97 total calls, 31 calls/reports, 12 criminal arrest, 2 juvenile arrest, 10 traffic citations, 3 parking citations, 4 traffic accidents. Zoning office reports: 5 zoning permits, 4 zoning violations, 4 site plan review.

DPW Report: President Nemastil gave the report of the DPW. He would also like to thank Barbara Replogle Wright, Racheal Valdes and the Hesperia Junior Girl Scout Troop 3721 for volunteering their time to paint the picnic tables located in Weaver Park. The Troop is working on their 20 hours for their bronze award. He would also like to thank the Hesperia Beautification Organization for continuing their work in the Village . The work that is being done is outstanding and is adding value to the community.

Questions were asked when the water main’s will be flushed: August. It was suggested the time should be placed in the Hi Lites to inform the citizens.

Status of the roof: The roof will begin on July 27th, the fascia 3rd week in August.

Status of DPW Supervisor: MRWA will be coming 2 times per month for approximately 3 hours per trip at a cost of \$75.00 per hour.

Unfinished Business:

The Village Pick Up Truck needs some repair. President Nemastil received 2 (two) quotes. They are as follows:

- M20 Auto \$1,590.68 (this is to make the basic repairs listed, brakes, u-joint, caliper, rotors, seal)
- Outback Auto \$120.00 cost to assess the repairs needed

Motion by Raymond/Seconded by Farber (motion CARRIED)

Motion to have Outback assess the truck for repairs needed, at a cost of \$120.00, and report back to President Nemastil for final approval.

All in favor.

The International plow truck is in need of repair. President Nemastil reported that for \$325.00 it can be towed to the International lot in Muskegon for repair assessment , and conduct a DOT inspection tell what needs repair and how much it will cost. Another option is to have it towed to Grand Rapids International Dealership at a cost of \$1,000 and approve funds up to \$6,000 for time and repair.

Motion by Farber/Seconded by McDonald (motion CARRIED)

Motion made to have the International plow truck towed to International in Muskegon at a cost of \$325.00. Have International assess what repairs would be needed for the engine and truck.

All in favor.

New Business:

Motion made by Raymond/Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)

Motion made to adopt the following Resolution recognizing the 150th anniversary of the Hesperia Presbyterian Church.

All in favor.

WHEREAS, the Hesperia Presbyterian Church was organized in 1865 in Greenwood Township by a small community of early settlers; and

WHEREAS, the present building at 82 Church Avenue was the third structure occupied By the Hesperia Presbyterian Church congregation, and has survived two fires, one in 1907 and one in 1963;

WHEREAS, the church participates in various outreach projects including the Hesperia Food Pantry, and the church has a strong music tradition including the choir, performing at Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day events.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hesperia, Michigan, on behalf of the citizens of the Village of Hesperia, express their Congratulations on the 150th anniversary and their acknowledgment and appreciation to the Hesperia Presbyterian Church for its contributions to the enhancement and enrichment of Hesperia’s Religious, cultural and civic history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this proceeding, and that an executed copy of this Resolution, inscribed with the signature of the Village President , and bearing the Corporate Seal of the Village of Hesperia, as attested by the Village Clerk, be presented to the Hesperia Presbyterian Church.

Motion made by DeLong/Seconded by Kochans (motion CARRIED)

Motion made to adjust part time DPW employee Jeremy Stevens rate of pay to \$12.00 per hour.

All in favor.

Clerk Miller brought to the attention of council that AT & T would like to modify the lease they have with us for equipment that have on our water tower.

Motion by Raymond/Seconded by Farber (motion CARRIED)

Motion to table until more information is available for review.

All in favor.

Motion by DeLong/Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)

Motion made to adopt the 1st quarter budget amendments in the amount of \$2,445.00

Yeas – Biggart, Kochans, DeLong, Raymond, Farber, Nemastil. Nays - McDonald

Public Comment – 1 Minute

Sally Kralej thanked Clerk Miller for the letter of support so the Beautification Committee could get a grant for picnic tables.

Lawrence Smith made a complaint toward Chief Gibbs.

Eileen Nelson commented they did a good job of cleaning up the drains.

Bill Rumsey asked for copies of DPW report and Invoice paid.

Miscellaneous:

Mike Farber thanked Beautification committee on how nice the Village looked at July 4th weekend.

Joyce McDonald said she personally talked with the State Police regarding the Personnel committee meeting of June 24, 2015, inquiring if a violation of Open Meeting's Act had occurred, was told there was no criminal action, but a lot of unethical actions have occurred by the Village President and Council. She also stated the proper steps were not followed for disciplinary action.

Adjournment:

Motion by Raymond /**Seconded by** Farber to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy J. Miller
Hesperia Village Clerk

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