
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
February 13, 2017

Call to order: President Farber 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: Carol Kochans , Mike Farber, Joyce McDonald, Jayne Biggart, Arthur Raymond, Jim Smith
Absent: Doris DeLong

Also present: Clerk Miller, Bonnie Robinson, David Huntley, Eileen Nelson, Jean Carson, Ray Hall.

Set the Agenda: President Farber added "Appoint Parliamentarian and Adopt Robert Rules of Order" to the Agenda under New Business

Public Comment:

Ray Hall of 323 Lizzie was present to address two complaints to the Council.

1. Dogs barking in the area constantly, this needs to be addressed with an ordinance or enforced if there already is one.
2. Open campfires are not for burning garbage, leaves and/or brush, Mr. Hall reported there has been this kind of burning throughout the Village and in his area, asked Council to please address this issue.

Motion by Raymond/Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular Council Meeting of January 9, 2017.
Yeas: Raymond, Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Biggart, Farber
Absent: DeLong

Motion by McDonald/Seconded Kochans (motion CARRIED)

A motion was made to approve the invoices for the month of January 2017 in the amount of \$32,700.84
McDonald commented on one of the invoices for generator repair at \$4800.00, she felt it was too much and amounts that high should have approval.
Yeas – Smith, McDonald, Kochans, Biggart, Raymond, Farber
Absent: De Long

Announcements/Correspondence:

Committee Reports:

Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation:

Streets, Sidewalks & Equipment:

Water & Sewer: There was a water/sewer committee meeting, the issue to be addressed under "Unfinished Business".

Finance, Budget & Insurance:

Ordinance:

Ambulance:

Grants, Fund Raising, Chamber-Interact:

Personnel & Salary: McDonald reported of a Personnel meeting that was held, the committee's recommendation is under "New Business"

Village Hall, Village Facilities & Lighting:

Technology, Website, Cable TV:

Police & Zoning Reports: Chief Gibbs was absent.

PRESIDENT/DPW Report:

President Farber reported the plow truck spreader has been repaired and working good.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by McDonald/Seconded by Farber (motion CARRIED)

Motion to have Hendon & Slate conduct our annual audit for year 3/31/2017 at a cost of \$8,900.00 and for 3/31/2018 for \$9,150.00.

Yeas: Smith, Biggart, McDonald, Farber, Raymond, Kochans

Absent: De Long

Motion by Farber/Seconded by McDonald (motion FAILED)

Motion to send existing Ordinance on "water billing " to the Ordinance Committee for amendment.

Yeas: Smith, McDonald

Nays: Kochans, Biggart, Raymond, Farber

Absent: DeLong

The Ordinance will stay "as is", charging customer's with vacant lots or buildings a monthly RTS (Ready to Serve) Charge.

New Business:

There was a Personnel Committee held February 9, 2017 to discuss hiring a new employee for the DPW and a wage increase of \$0.50 per hour for Jeremy Stevens.

Bill Thorne is currently off work on Worker's Comp, he was at that meeting and McDonald asked when he could come back to work at 100%, Bill did know at this time. It is the Committee's recommendation to hire a 3rd DPW employee.

McDonald reported that Charlie Ferrier has a CDL license. Raymond inquired if hiring a 3rd employee would have any effect on Bill's tme, Mc Donald replied that Bill had told her there is enough work for 3 employees.

Motion by McDonald/Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)

Motion to hire Charlie Ferrier as a Class B employee at \$12.00 per hour up to 36 hours per week with Holiday, Sick Leave, Vacation and Personal Day. With a review in 90 days.

Yeas: Biggart, Kochans, Smith, Raymond, McDonald, Farber Absent: De Long

Motion by Mc Donald/**Seconded by** Biggart **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to give Jeremy Stevens a wage increase of \$0.50 per hour bringing him to \$16.50 per hour effective immediately.

Yeas: Biggart, Smith, Mc Donald, Raymond, Farber, Kochans Absent: De Long

Motion by Raymond/**Seconded by** Kochans **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to Adopt "Robert's Rules of Order"

Yeas: Biggart, Raymond, Kochans, Smith, McDonald, Farber

Absent: De Long

Motion by Farber/**Seconded by** McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to appoint Arthur Raymond as Council Parliamentarian.

Yeas: Biggart, Mc Donald, Kochans, Raymond, Smith, Farber

Absent: De Long

Public Comment – 1 Minute

Eileen Nelson commented that she felt forgiving of the water bills in question was not fair. Everyone has to pay.

Miscellaneous:

Clerk Miller showed Council and citizens the Clock which is to be presented to Doris DeLong as appreciation for her 28 years as Hesperia Treasurer and her continued dedication to the Village serving as a Village Council Trustee. Her daughter, Mari Ann McGahan will take it to her, as Doris has been ill. This item of appreciation has been in "the works" since before Doris became ill. McDonald commented that it should have been done years ago.

Question's and comments made by Council Member Carol Kochans as follows:

First of all, Mr. Farber, I respect your position as President. However, I question the waiving of multiple residential arrearages in regards to past-due water and sewer bills. I understand that we aren't talking a bill or two, but it's about years of arrearages. Now, we are discussing a change in an ordinance which can possibly lead to another decrease in revenue. I believe that we also have at least three outstanding bonds in regards to sewer and water. One of those bonds is on the books I believe until 2040. My question what is the plan to recoup the lost revenue? Second question, why wasn't a request to change the ordinance given to the Ordinance Committee?

Adjournment:

Motion by Kochans, Seconded by McDonald to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Peggy J. Miller

Hesperia Village Clerk

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