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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
March 20, 2017

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**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

Before Roll Call, President Farber placed a picture of Council Member Doris DeLong at her seat at the table. Clerk Miller called her name last, at that time President Farber asked us to stand and have a moment of silence to honor Doris. Eileen Nelson commented that Doris was a faithful member of Hesperia Village Council always wanting the best for the community. She will be missed. Doris DeLong passed away on March 2, 2017.

Also present: Clerk Miller, Bonnie Robinson, David Huntley, Eileen Nelson, Gail Tilly, Lil Eitnear, and Chief Gibbs.

**Set the Agenda:**

**Motion by Raymond Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to accept the Agenda as presented  
All in favor

**Public Comment:**

**Motion by Raymond/Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)**  
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular Council Meeting of February 13, 2017 with changes in Miscellaneous.  
All in favor.

**Motion by McDonald/Seconded Kochans (motion CARRIED)**  
A motion was made to approve the invoices for the month of February 2017 in the amount of \$40,914.61  
McDonald inquired about the checks to Fernando Hernandez for \$35.00 and \$719.98. Chief Gibbs replied that he could buy the modems for the police car computers for a lower cost online.  
All in favor.

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

Clerk Miller had received information from City Web Central in Rockford, Michigan. They are a company that build's Websites. This information was passed on to the Technology Committee for review.

**Committee Reports:**

**Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation:**

**Streets, Sidewalks & Equipment:**

**Water & Sewer:**

**Finance, Budget & Insurance:**

**Ordinance:**

**Ambulance:** Committee Chairman Raymond reported he attended a meeting last week with Tom Schmiedeknecht from Pro-Med and other surrounding communities. It was announced that Pro-Med would be moving their employees and equipment out of the Village of Hesperia the end of June, due to an annual deficit of about \$200,000. Pro-Med has been in the Village for 16 years and is currently housed in an apartment and ambulance bay next to the Village Hall at no cost to them. Council and the community is sad to see them leave, President Farber asked Raymond if the Village could do anything to make it work, Raymond said our options are limited. LIFE Ambulance and EMS representatives both attended the meeting.

Raymond indicated he would like to have President Farber call an "Informational Only" meeting of the Council to discuss ramifications for Pro Med's proposal to withdraw from Hesperia.

**Grants, Fund Raising, Chamber-Interact:**

**Personnel & Salary: Village Hall, Village Facilities & Lighting:**

**Technology, Website, Cable TV:**

**Police & Zoning Reports:** Chief Gibbs gave his report. He reported on the progress of updating the police cars with computers, new type of speed signs and new Judge and Prosecutor in Newaygo County.

**PRESIDENT/DPW Report:**

President Farber reported that Well#3 went down and needed immediate repair. It had a bad motor and electric. On the advice of Eli Bromley from Michigan Rural Water he recommended Northern Pump & Well from Lansing for the repairs. It was repaired within a few days and is now up and running.

A part time employee was hired to assist the DPW.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business:**

**Motion by Raymond/Seconded by McDonald**

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-01 adopting the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year's Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed 2017/2018 Fiscal Year's Annual Budget is adopted with a copy of the Budget Attached to this Resolution.

Yeas – Smith, Raymond, Kochans, Biggart, McDonald, Farber  
Nays – 0.

**Motion by Raymond/Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to remove Doris De Long from the Village of Hesperia checking account ending in 0239 effective March 20, 2017.  
Yeas – Smith, Kochans, McDonald, Raymond, Biggart, Farber.  
Nays – 0.

**Motion by Raymond Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to add Carol Kochans as a signatory on the Village of Hesperia checking account ending in 0239.  
Yeas – Smith, McDonald, Biggart, Raymond, Kochans, Farber.  
Nays – 0.

**Public Comment:**

David Huntley asked Chief about “vehicle” and “Junk” ordinance about a residence on E. Michigan. Chief Gibbs said he has spoken to the owner of the property.

Eileen Nelson inquired about the delinquent water bills that the previous balances have been removed. She was wondering if that is straightened out. President Farber replied they are now receiving monthly water bills and if they chose not to pay, the amount would be put on their property taxes.

Eileen Nelson commented she would like Pro-Med Ambulance to stay in the Village. She feels they are much needed.

Jayne Biggart asked if the “investigation “as to who authorized discontinuing billing of some water bills is ongoing? She commented that just because Doris is gone, it should continue. Chief Gibbs said he handed everything over to State Police.

President Farber announced there is an Open Seat on Council for a Council Trustee. Anyone interested should send a “Letter of Interest’ prior to the next Council meeting of April 10, 2017. Raymond said to put in the Oceana Herald Journal and Times Indicator announcing open seat and anyone interested to send a letter of interest. Applicants must be a Village resident and registered voter.

**Motion by Raymond, Seconded by Farber to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm**

Respectfully submitted

Peggy J. Miller  
Hesperia Village Clerk

**“Village of Hesperia is an equal opportunity provider and employer”**