
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
SPECIAL Council Meeting
March 29, 2017

Call to order: President Farber called this SPECIAL Council Meeting to order at 7:00 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

Also Present: Bonnie Robinson, Eileen Nelson, Mari Ann Mc Gahan, Lou Nemastil, Scott Rumsey, Chief Gibbs, Clerk Miller

This meeting was called to order to serve as an informational meeting ONLY on Pro-Med Ambulance leaving the Village.

After President Farber called the meeting to order, he asked that Councilman Raymond, also Chairman of the Ambulance Committee, address the Council with the past history and facts of Ambulance Service in Hesperia.

His report is as follows:

Prior to 1962 there was no local ambulance service in Hesperia. In 1962 the Raymond Funeral Home supplied ambulance service with their own equipment. (As most Funeral Homes did in those days). This ambulance service ran thru 1974. In the early 70's, licensing requirements began for ambulance services. In 1974 Newaygo County Commissioners handed the ambulance responsibilities to Gerber Hospital Service in Fremont. In 2000 they wanted to withdraw their services, so Pro-Med began supplying ambulance services to the Village and surrounding Townships. So, the Village of Hesperia has had ambulance local service for 55 years. Pro-Med announced they are vacating their station here in the Village in June of 2017 due to "losing \$200,000" annually.

The Village supplied Pro-Med with housing, heated ambulance bay, water, heat, electric with no cost to Pro-Med.

Comments:

Raymond: If we lose Pro-Med, we will not be getting them back.

LIFE Ambulance has their own dispatching

LIFE employees are highly skilled and trained

McDonald: Bottom line is the Township's need to address this.

Nemastil: Mercy in Muskegon is building a 7 story addition to the hospital, Pro Med is based in Muskegon, where the resources are.

Raymond was asked if he would meet with Townships for further discussion , he said JR Derks has more knowledge on this issue and is familiar with it, asked Council if he could ask Mr. Derks for his assistance. Council agreed. Raymond said he would be glad to speak with the Townships.

Motion by Raymond, **Seconded by** Kochans to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Peggy J. Miller
Hesperia Village Clerk

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