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**Village of Hesperia, Michigan**  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 10, 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

Also present: Clerk Miller, Bonnie Robinson, David Huntley, Eileen Nelson, Lil Eitnear, Sally Kraley, Ray Hall and Chief Gibbs.

**Set the Agenda:** Raymond asked that recognition to Pro-Med be added into New Business. Carol Kochans read her concerns on the missing items she requested to be in the minutes, be on the Agenda, moved to Miscellaneous. Motion by Raymond to approve the Agenda, Seconded by McDonald

**Motion by Raymond Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held March 20, 2017.  
All in favor

**Motion by Raymond, Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held March 20, 2017 with corrections.  
All in favor.

**Motion by McDonald. Seconded by Kochans (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of March 29, 2017.  
All in favor.

**Motion by McDonald, Seconded by Kochans (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to approve the bills for March 2017 for \$14,474.25 McDonald's discussion was the amount that Oceana Herald Journal charges for ad's in comparison to the charges from Times Indicator. OHJ appears to be higher for the same thing. Possibly use the Hi-Lites in the future.  
All in favor.

**Committee Reports:**

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

**Streets, Sidewalks & Equipment:**

**Water & Sewer:**

**Finance, Budget & Insurance:**

**Ordinance:**

**Ambulance:**

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

**Personnel & Salary:** McDonald reported the Personnel Committee had a meeting April 6, 2017 to discuss Police wages, Committee recommends a \$2.00 per hour wage increase for Chief, Full Time and Part Time Officers.

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

**Technology, Website, Cable TV:** Biggart reported she had done some research and found a company in Fremont that hosts Newfield Township's website.

**Police & Zoning Reports:** Chief Gibbs gave his report. Total 106 calls, 62 Reports, 2 Juvenile Arrests, 14 Criminal Arrests, 6 Warrant Arrests, 2 Traffic Citations, 1 Parking Citation, 3 Traffic Accidents. 3 Zoning Permits, 2 Zoning Violations, 2 Sit Plan review (Cell tower plan and easement to Village property)

Chief Gibbs also reported that at the next Denver Township meeting, ProMed will be present. Greenwood, Newfield, Beaver and the Village of Hesperia are invited to attend to explore options for 24/7 ambulance stationed here.

**PRESIDENT/DPW Report:**

President Farber reported DPW has gotten bids for a mower.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business:**

Clerk Miller had provided Council with price quotes on a new phone system for the Village Hall. The Technology Committee will review. Clerk Miller reminded them that the price that Frontier quoted for \$3,771.83 will no longer be available.

President Farber presented quotes for a mower for DPW, Committee will review. Clerk Miller reminded them that the purchase of a new mower was in last year's budget. A new one is not in the new budget; this should be considered in a timely manner.

**Motion by Raymond, Seconded by Kochans**

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to increase the Police wages by \$2.00 per hour for the Chief, Full Time and Part Time Officer effective today.

Yeas – Kochans, Raymond, McDonald, Biggart, Farber

Nays: Smith

**Motion by Raymond, Seconded by Biggart**

**(motion CARRIED)**

President Farber scheduled a SPECIAL Council meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 for the purpose of appointing a new Council Member. (After the Council Meeting, President Farber informed Clerk Miller he had to change the date to Tuesday, April 18, 2017 as he could not attend the 19<sup>th</sup>.)

**Motion by Raymond, Seconded by Kochans**

**(motion CARRIED)**

All in favor

Motion to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO: 2017-02  
**IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF 16 YEARS OF SERVICE PROVIDED BY PROMED  
AMBULANCE SERVICE**

**WHEREAS, ProMed** by Resolution adopted on April 10, 2017, the Hesperia Village Council members recognizes the invaluable ambulance service provided to surrounding residents and the residents of the Village of Hesperia;

**WHEREAS, ProMed** graciously provided 16 years of continuous service for all surrounding residents and the Village of Hesperia;

**WHEREAS, ProMed** has served area residents and the Village of Hesperia with great professionalism, dedication, and loyalty;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Hesperia Village Council Members acknowledges and extends its gratitude to **ProMed** for their dedicated service to all surrounding residents and for their notable contribution to provide quality care and wellbeing to the Village of Hesperia.

**Adopted by the Hesperia Village Council**

On April 10, 2017

**Motion by** Raymond, **Seconded by** Farber

**(motion CARRIED)**

All in favor.

Motion to present an "Honorary Plaque" to "ProMed" stating:

**ProMed Ambulance Service**  
Honoring Your Service  
Presented to ProMed Ambulance

In appreciation for over 16 years  
of loyal and dedicated service to  
the Residents of the Village of Hesperia Michigan.  
We, the members of the Hesperia Village Council,  
present this to you in recognition of  
your many years of sacrifice and service.

**Public Comment:**

**SOMETHING FROM CAROL—ADD IT HERE.**

Sally Kralely showed Council the “banners” the beautification committee had made. There are 17 different fish hand painted by Mary Perrigo. Sally also showed Council a book that Christine Turple had composed on Hesperia. The cost is \$15.00 and is available at Library, Bank and Husband & Turple Hardware. Proceeds go to the history room at the Library.

A citizen complained of the pickup trucks sticking out onto the road in front of old Variety store. Ray Hall showed concern over a “cell tower” going up. Also some junk cars that are not licensed. Chief Gibbs replied this tower will replace the one that is already there.

Dave Huntley replied the Boardwalk around the dam is in need of repair. President Farber informed him that it is in the budget this year.

Eileen Nelson questioned if the bridge connecting the two islands will be replaced. McDonald replied she needs to talk to Scott Rumsey; he is now the Chamber President.

**Miscellaneous:**

The statement below was read by Carol Kochans:

“I am still waiting for a response to my question and also Mrs. Nelson’s as to why the water and sewer arrearages have been waived. I was told by the President it was done on the lawyers’ recommendation. I am also asking for a letter from the lawyer stating that the President has the power to waive ordinance infractions and also the power to waiver arrearages on past due water and sewer bills without the vote of Council.”

McDonald made a request to President Farber to remove Jayne Biggart from a committee and place her on the Finance Committee with her. President Farber said that is OK.

**Motion by** Raymond, **Seconded by** McDonald to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Peggy J. Miller  
Hesperia Village Clerk

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

