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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
May 8, 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, Lil Eitnear, Sally Kraley, Bill Rumsey and Chief Gibbs.

**Set the Agenda:** President Farber noted that "Millage Tax Rate" be added to New Business.  
**Motion by Biggart Seconded by Raymond (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to set the Agenda  
All in favor.

**Motion by McDonald Seconded by Kochans (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 10, 2017.  
All in favor.

**Motion by Raymond, Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held April 18, 2017.  
All in favor.

**Motion by McDonald, Seconded by Smith (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to approve the bills for April 2017 for \$28,380.33. Biggart and Kochans inquired to the mower purchase, asking if Council needed to approve the purchase. President Farber said that the mower was in the budget for last year but with Mr. Thorne on a medical it got put aside. It was purchased with last year's budget which was approved by Council. There was an Equipment Committee meeting held on April 21, 2017 so committee could review the quotes. It is the Equipment Committee's recommendation to purchase the Snapper 72" deck from local supplier Burrell's Service Center. The DPW could get immediate access to parts and service.  
Yeas – McDonald, Raymond, Smith, Farber  
Nays – Kochans, Biggart

**Committee Reports:**

**Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation:** Chair Kochans inquired about the dead trees at Vida Weaver Park. She had counted 16 of them. She asked when they would be removed, with a possible grant new ones can be planted.

Webster Park: When would the electric breaker issue be addressed and fixed?

Weaver Park: The playground area for tots no longer has toys, should the fence be removed?

McDonald remarked that she has been looking at new toys to be placed in the area, costing about \$1,000 .00

**Streets, Sidewalks & Equipment:**

**Water & Sewer:**

**Finance, Budget & Insurance:**

**Ordinance:**

**Ambulance:**

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

**Personnel & Salary:** Chair McDonald reported Personnel Committee had a meeting on May 2, 2017 to hire some help to assist Jeremy Stevens with DPW duties. After carefully reviewing the applications, committee recommended the hiring of Ken Tinkham for part time at \$10.00.

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

**Technology, Website, Cable TV:** Biggart reported the Committee met April 24, 2017 and interviewed three (3) potential web designers with a possibility of 1 more. She liked the web site of Village of Shelby and is hoping to have one similar. Committee should have a recommendation by next Council meeting in June.

**Police & Zoning Reports:** Chief Gibbs gave his report. Total 106 calls, 61 Reports, 2 Juvenile Arrests, 14 Criminal Arrests, 8 Warrant Arrests, 2 Traffic Citations, 0 Parking Citation, 3 Traffic Accidents. 3 Zoning Permits, 2 Zoning Violations, 2 Sit Plan review (Cell tower plan and easement to Village property)

**PRESIDENT/DPW Report:**

President Farber addressed all of the projects in the Village.

Dead Trees

Broken boards at Boardwalk

Streets (pot holes and wash outs)

He asked Council which would they like done first. Biggart remarked "safety first". They cannot get into Vida Weaver Park to take the trees down yet because it is too wet. Some of the trees will have to be removed professionally due to the location. Also Niebor Electric in Fremont was notified that we need them to look at the electric issue at the park.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business:**

Verizon Wireless is interested in placing a tower in the back lot of the Village Hall (which will replace the one there now). It is the "fact finding" stages. Because it is "land locked" we need to secure an easement of ½ of the lot next door, if the tower goes in or not, Village need access to their property. The securing of the easement is being handled by Village Attorney.

**Motion by** Raymond, **Seconded** by Kochans

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to set the 2017 Millage Tax Rate at 14.2917

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

Nays – 0.

**Public Comment** - Sally Kraley from the Beautification Committee was present and reported Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> the senior class is going to do “Spring Cleanup” around town. May 22<sup>nd</sup> they will be planting pots for downtown. Banners are ready to go up, the Committee would like to hold a “dedication” ceremony presenting the banners to the Village.

McDonald asked President Farber when a new Council member would be appointed? He said another meeting needs to be scheduled.

**Miscellaneous** Raymond suggested to President Farber to invite Mr. Schmiedeknecht from Pro Med to the next Council Meeting. President Farber agreed.

Motion by Raymond, Seconded by Biggart to adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

Respectfully submitted

Peggy J. Miller  
Hesperia Village Clerk

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