
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
June 12, 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

Also present: Clerk Miller, Bonnie Robinson, Lil Eitnear, Bill Rumsey, Bill Thorne, Gail Tilley, Mike Krause, Eileen Nelson and Chief Gibbs.

Set the Agenda:

Motion by Raymond Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)
Motion to set the Agenda
All in favor.

Brief Public Comment on Agenda items only

Bill Rumsey inquired about the easement for AT & T Tower ?

Motion by Biggart Seconded by Kochans (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 8, 2017.
All in favor.

Motion by McDonald, Seconded by Kochans (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve the bills for May 2017 in the amount of \$31,138.24.
All in favor.

Correspondence:

Raymond gave a history on ambulance service in the Village. ProMed has been serving the Community since 2000. ProMed is pulling their services from Hesperia due to a loss in revenue. Raymond read a Resolution Council had passed and presented Tom Schiemedeknecht a plaque thanking ProMed for their service.

Committee Reports:

Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation: Committee Chair Kochans inquired about the dead trees in Vida Weaver Park. President Farber replied one quote was received and directed the committee to get 2 more quotes on the tree removal.

Streets, Sidewalks & Equipment:

Water & Sewer:

Finance, Budget & Insurance:

Ordinance:

Ambulance:

Grants, Fund Raising, Chamber-Interact:

Personnel & Salary:

Village Hall, Village Facilities & Lighting:

Technology, Website, Cable TV: Committee Chair Biggart reported an interview with Mary Lulich from pixelgrafixstudio in Shelby on creating and hosting a website for the Village. Ms. Lulich quoted a cost of \$6,000 with an annual fee of approximately \$150.00. Biggart reported the Committee is recommending Mary Lulich from pixelgrafixstudio in Shelby to create the Village's website.

Motion by Biggart Seconded by Kochans (motion CARRIED)

Motion to hire Mary Lulich from pixelgrafixstudio to create the Village's website.

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

Police & Zoning Reports: Chief Gibbs gave his report. Total 106 calls, 59 Reports, 2 Juvenile Arrests, 16 Criminal Arrests, 8 Warrant Arrests, 14 Traffic Citations, 0 Parking Citation, 5 Traffic Accidents. 3 Zoning Permits, 12 Zoning Violations, 1 Sit Plan review (Cell tower plan and easement to Village property) Street Administrator: MDOT ADA curb construction started. Jim Smith asked Chief Gibbs of the whereabouts of the police car on certain dates and McDonald inquired about the condemned/abandoned homes in the Village.

PRESIDENT/DPW Report:

President Farber reported the hiring of Tom Tinkham, a high school graduate to work part time seasonal to mow the parks.

Quote from Nieboer for electric in parks

Dead Trees Vida Weaver

Broken boards at Boardwalk are fixed

Streets (pot holes and wash outs)

Unfinished Business

Raymond reported on the Special Emergency Council Meeting held on Saturday June 10, 2017 at 9:00 am. to adopt two (2) Resolutions, one to Oceana County's and one to Newaygo County's Board Chairman's seeking Financial and Logistical Assistance for Ambulance Service for the Village. Mr. Nemastil is attending Newfield Township's Board meeting where Lance Corey from Oceana County EMS will be looking at options.

New Business:

The Village is seeking an easement from the private property next to the Village Hall so they can have legal access to the Village property in back of the Village Hall. Mike Krause, the owner of the property was present.

Motion by Raymond Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)

Motion made to authorize Doug Hughes to procure easement across private property in question.

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

Nays – 0

Motion by Raymond Seconded by McDonald

Motion to upgrade the electric at Webster Park from Nieboer Electric not to exceed \$1,650.00.

Discussion: Bill Thorne replied the upgrade could be done “in house” and would not need Nieboer Electric. He said he could do it, President Farber showed concern of liability and asked Bill if he was a licensed electrician, Bill replied no he was not. There was continued discussion and **Raymond made the motion to “Table it” for a later date. Seconded by Biggart.** President Farber handed it back to the Parks Committee for review. All in favor. Previous motion not voted on and tabled.

Motion by Raymond Seconded by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to pay the DPW employees and Police Department employees (all employees) Double Time & Half for hours worked on Tuesday, July 4, 2017.

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

Nays – 0.

Public Comment

Bill Rumsey inquired about pot holes being filled, President Farber replied the DPW crew is working on it. Jim Smith commented about a large pot hole on Sunset that needs attention. Eileen Nelson asked if the AT & T Tower was a “done deal”, President Farber informed her it is in the beginning stages Council is looking at it. Ms. Nelson feels it should be a public vote. McDonald inquired as to what kind of tower, reply was it is a “smaller” one . She asked if there were other locations it could go.

Miscellaneous McDonald commented about the vandalism to the bathrooms at the dam. Wondering if we could tie in to Scott Rumsey’s store security camera for surveillance. Possible different schedule for bathrooms being opened.

Motion by Raymond, Seconded by McDonald to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Peggy J. Miller
Hesperia Village Clerk

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