
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
July 17, 2017

(This meeting was re-scheduled from July 10, 2017 due to no quorum)

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, Bill Rumsey, Ray Hall, Vonda Hall, Kurt Lowdermilk, Mari Ann McGahan, Jen Tinkham .

Set the Agenda:

Motion by Raymond Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)

Motion to set the Agenda

All in favor.

Chief Gibbs introduced the new part time police officer, Steve Paulsen.

Brief Public Comment on Agenda items only

Motion by Raymond Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held June 10, 2017.

All in favor. Joyce McDonald abstained due to her absence.

Motion by Raymond Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 12, 2017

All in favor.

Motion by McDonald, Seconded by Kochans (motion CARRIED)

Motion to approve the bills for June 2017 for \$17,509.19.

All in favor.

Correspondence:

Clerk Miller handed out information from MML on Medical Marihuana facilities.

Committee Reports:

Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation: Committee Chair Kochans and Jayne Biggart met with Scott Rumsey about placing security cameras around the dam area. They will have more information at next council meeting.

Kochans asked if the DPW could remove the dead trees at Vida Weaver Park, President Farber replied they could not due to time restraints. Kochans is waiting for one more bid from a logger for removing the 16 dead trees at the park. President Farber also received 2 bids.

Streets, Sidewalks & Equipment:

Water & Sewer:

Finance, Budget & Insurance:

Ordinance:

Ambulance: Committee Chair Raymond reported there has been no correspondence received from either county or ambulance service.

Grants, Fund Raising, Chamber-Interact:

Personnel & Salary:

Village Hall, Village Facilities & Lighting:

Technology, Website, Cable TV: Committee Chair Biggart reported she had checked the website and nothing has changed yet. Mary Lulich is working on it.

Police & Zoning Reports: Chief Gibbs gave his report. Total 106 calls, 37 Reports, 2 Juvenile Arrests, 18 Criminal Arrests, 11 Warrant Arrests, 12 Traffic Citations, 01 Parking Citation, 3 Traffic Accidents. 3 Zoning Permits, 12 Zoning Violations, 2 Site Plan review (Cell tower plan and easement to Village property) Street Administrator: MDOT ADA curb construction started.

PRESIDENT/DPW Report:

President Farber reported the DPW had been busy getting ready for the 4th of July. Bill Thorne was working on sewer issues, President Farber had received 2 bids for the tree removal at Vida Weaver Park.

Unfinished Business

New Business:

Public Comment

Kurt Lowdermilk was present. He owns the Hesperia Car Wash, he was surprised to see that past due utility (water/sewer) bills were attached to his property taxes for the car wash property. This has been an ongoing issue since he has had several people trying to purchase the property but leaving with an unpaid water bill, according to our ordinance, since he is the property owner, he is responsible. Water/sewer bills stay with the property. President Farber turned this over to the Water/Sewer Committee for review.

Ray Hall was present to complain to council about the burning ordinance in the Village. He has a handicap daughter who cannot be outside because his neighbor is burning; he believes he is burning things other than firewood. He is asking council to abide by the ordinance. His neighbor was present also and claimed he is obeying the ordinance. Chief Gibbs will speak to them.

Miscellaneous

Raymond inquired about the status of acquiring the easement from the property owner next to the Village Hall. According to President Farber, he must first meet with the property owner to see if he is interested in selling, then a price has to be negotiated. Waiting for paperwork from Doug Hughes. Raymond asked if it is “a work in progress”? Farber said “yes”.

McDonald asked about the phone system for the Village Hall, Biggart says they have not looked into it yet. There have been issues when Police Dept. does not get their voice mail in a timely manner.

Motion by Raymond, Seconded by Farber to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm

Respectfully submitted

Peggy J. Miller
Hesperia Village Clerk

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