
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
August 14, 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, Bill Rumsey, Ray Hall, Eileen Nelson, Linda Benedict, Sally Krale, Michelle Martin, Dale Twing, Lou Nemastil, Chief Gibbs

Set the Agenda:

Motion by Raymond Seconded by Kochans (motion CARRIED)

Motion to add to the Agenda in New Business d. Closed Session.

All in favor.

Brief Public Comment on Agenda items only

Motion by Raymond Seconded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 14, 2017.

All in favor.

Motion by Biggart, Seconded by McDonald (motion CARRIED)

Motion to approve the bills for July 2017 for \$80,280.78.

Yeas – Biggart, Raymond, Farber, Kochans

Nays – McDonald, Smith

Correspondence:

Mary Lulich from Pixelgrafixstudio in Shelby, Michigan was present to demonstrate the new Hesperia Website she created.

Dale Twing (Newaygo County Drain Commissioner) and Michelle Martin (Oceana County Drain Commissioner) were present to explain to Council the “shortfall” of the Intercounty Drain “Bond”. Twing and Martin have worked months trying to decide how to overcome this shortfall, it will have to be an “increase” in annual payments spanning 7 years.

Committee Reports:

Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation: Committee Chair Kochans reported on the cost of purchasing a security camera for the Dam area park. The Village can purchase one from EPS, Inc. for

\$2,500.00. Scott Rumsey would then require a quarterly payment of \$72.00 for maintenance which will appear on his bill.

Chair Kochans also reported the dead trees in Vida Weaver Park have been removed and the committee is working with MSU Extension to create a "planting program" adding a variety of trees native to Michigan.

Ambulance: Chairman Raymond had no report, no one has heard anything from either County or Township on another ambulance being stationed in Hesperia.

Personnel: Chair McDonald reported that Village Treasurer Mari Ann McGahan has turned in her resignation effective August 18, 2017. An ad has already been placed in the Times Indicator and the Oceana Herald Journal to fill that position. McDonald requested from Council that the committee can hire whom they think is qualified after conducting interviews.

Motion by Raymond **Seconded** by Farber **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to approve the hiring of an Interim Village Treasurer by the Personnel Committee after interviews were conducted, until the full Council approves.

All in favor.

Streets and Sidewalks: Chairman Smith inquired as to when the Stop signs will be replaced.

Water & Sewer:

Finance, Budget & Insurance:

Ordinance:

Grants, Fund Raising, Chamber-Interact:

Village Hall, Village Facilities & Lighting:

Technology, Website, Cable TV:

Police & Zoning Reports: Chief Gibbs gave his report. Total 91 calls, 24 Reports, 1 Juvenile Arrests, 16 Criminal Arrests, 12 Warrant Arrests, 10 Traffic Citations, 01 Parking Citation, 4 Traffic Accidents. 3 Zoning Permits, 7 Zoning Violations, 2 Site Plan review Street Administrator: Street Overview M-20 reseal.

PRESIDENT/DPW Report:

President Farber reported that Seasonal Tom Tinkham has left to go to school. Randi Bevins has been hired to finish out the seasonal mowing etc.

He questioned the electric issue in the Webster park. Kochans was going to address at next meeting.

Dam and Bridge inspections are being done in September by Fleis & Vandenbrink

Unfinished Business

A Special Council meeting needs to be scheduled to appoint a new Trustee. Clerk Miller will try and put some dates together and contact council members.

New Business:

Motion by Kochans **Seconded** by Raymond **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to purchase a security camera for the Dam Park from EPS, Inc. the amount of \$2,500.00 and pay Scott Rumsey the quarterly maintenance fee of \$72.00 to cover the increase in his payment.

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

Nays – 0.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Biggart **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion made to proceed with pump repair (refurbish) with Grandtech in the amount of \$18,000.00.

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

Nays – 0.

President Farber instructed the Technology Committee to pursue getting information on a new phone system for the Village Hall.

Motion by Raymond **Seconded** by Farber **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to go into a Closed Meeting

All in favor.

Council entered into a CLOSED MEETING at 8: 30 pm.

Motion by Raymond **Seconded** by Farber **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to close Closed meeting.

All in favor.

Closed Meeting closed at 8:47 pm

Public Comment

Sally Kralej from the Beautification Committee was present to let Council be aware that the Fire Department is taking over the Christmas lights in Webster Park. Kochans is checking with Nieboer Electric to see what needs to be done for the lights in the Park.

Linda Benedict from 173 Hawley was presented to speak with Council about the structures at 182 S. State and 162 S. State Streets. She feels these two dilapidated structures serve as a safety, health and fire hazard. Animals inside, doors remain open. She would like to see Council do something with these structures.

Motion by Raymond, Seconded by Kochans to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm

Respectfully submitted

Peggy J. Miller

Hesperia Village Clerk

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