
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
December 11, 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, Jim Smith, Arthur Raymond

Also present: Clerk Miller, Bill Rumsey, Bonnie Robinson, Chief Gibbs

Set the Agenda:

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

Brief Public Comment on Agenda items only

Motion by Kochans Seconded by McDonald (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 20, 2017.
All in favor.

Motion by Biggart, Seconded by McDonald (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve the bills for November 2017 for \$17,271.47.
All in favor.

Correspondence:

Newaygo County is hosting a "Parliamentarian Training Session" on February 6, 2018. All members were invited.

Committee Reports:

Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation:

Ambulance: Chair Raymond reported he and President Farber met with a couple from the Lansing area who would possibly be interested in placing an ambulance in Hesperia. They are also certified trainers in EMS and First Responder training. President Farber had spoken to Newfield Township. There will be another meeting scheduled to include the surrounding Townships.

Technology:

Personnel:

Streets and Sidewalks

Water & Sewer:

Finance, Budget & Insurance:

Ordinance:

Grants, Fund Raising, Chamber-Interact:

Village Hall, Village Facilities & Lighting:

Police & Zoning Reports: Chief Gibbs was absent but left his report. Total 91 calls, 22 Reports, 2 Juvenile Arrests, 11 Criminal Arrests, 7 Warrant Arrests, 6 Traffic Citations, 0 Parking Citation, 3 Traffic Accidents. 8 Zoning Permits, 4 site plan reviews for construction, 6 Zoning Violations.

Chief reported that the dilapidated house on the corner of State and Maple is in tax receivership according to Oceana County Treasurer.

Smith asked Chief if computer's are hooked up in each car. Chief said in 1 car only at this time.

PRESIDENT/DPW Report:

President Farber noted that "snow season" is here. DPW crew had 2 breakdowns already. The crew made the repairs and are up and running.

Village is looking to upgrade our Meter Reader equipment as the one we are now using is outdated and not working properly.

Unfinished Business

Verizon is interested in placing a cell tower on the Village's property in Denver Township which is where the sewer site is. Legal Description: NW ¼ SE ¼ SEC. 19 T14N R14W 40A (Diagram attached). President Farber is waiting on a letter from Denver Township stating that the proposed tower does not violate any Zoning Ordinances. Chief Gibbs will supply him a letter.

Motion by/ Raymond Secoded by Kochans (motion CARRIED)

Motion made to approve the placement of a Verizon cell tower on the Village's sewer site property in Denver Township.

All in favor.

New Business

President Farber reported the DPW got a price on new Meter Reading equipment. The Sensus meter which the DPW uses presently is old and outdated. It was purchased in 2007, to refurbish it would cost \$2,000 and it would still be outdated. DPW had gotten a quote from ETNA (supplier of meters and meter reading equipment) for new meter reading equipment.

Motion by Raymond / Secoded by Biggart (motion CARRIED)

Motion made to purchase new updated Meter Reader (Sensus – GB HHD TR/M2) and equipment from ETNA Supply, Grand Rapids, Michigan for a quoted cost of \$11,860.00.

Yeas: Biggart, McDonald, Smith, Raymond, Kochans, Farber. Nays -0.

Motion by Raymond/Seconded by Farber

(motion CARRIED)

Motion made to grant JNL Hunt Construction (Jeff Hunt) a one year extension on the Tax Abatement property at 173 and 179 N. Division, Hesperia, MI. It will expire December 30, 2018. Yeas: Biggart, Smith, McDonald, Kochans, Raymond, Farber. Nays – 0.

Public Comment

Bill Rumsey inquired why 90 calls on police report when the Times Indicator only reported 7? Chief explained that 90 calls included all calls, not just 911 calls.

Bill Rumsey also inquired to as why the Goodfellas were told to get onto the side of the road by the Chief this weekend when they were soliciting. He had a revised law dated July 2017 allowing it. Chief replied he would look into it.

Miscellaneous

White Cloud DPW had a fire in their garage and lost everything. They are receiving help from Newaygo County and City of Fremont with the usage of equipment as needed. The Village of Hesperia is offering help and equipment if needed.

Kochans commented her neighbor is keeping the fire hydrants shoveled on OJ Morse, he asked if our drivers could try and keep the snow away when plowing.

Motion by Raymond Seconded by Smith to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted

Peggy J. Miller

Hesperia Village Clerk

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

