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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 9, 2018

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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, Jim Smith, Arthur Raymond  
Absent: Jayne Biggart

**Also present was Mr. Doug Hughes, the Village’s legal Counsel.**

Also present: Chief Gibbs, Clerk Miller, Bonnie Robinson, Treasurer Burrell, Eileen Nelson, Bill Thorne, Lou Nemastil, Bill Rumsey, Megan Rasmussen, Kurt Lowdermilk, Eric Hoenshell

**Set the Agenda:**

**Motion by Raymond Seconded by McDonald (motion CARRIED)**  
All in favor. Absent: Biggart

**Brief Public Comment on Agenda items only**

Lou Nemastil reminded Council that any credit given to the Car Wash owner is coming from the citizens.

**Motion by Kochans Seconded by McDonald (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 12, 2018.  
All in favor. Absent: Biggart

**Motion by Raymond Seconded by Kochans (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of March 12, 2018.  
All in favor. Absent: Biggart

**Motion by McDonald Seconded by Kochans (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion made to approve the bills for March 2018 for \$15,651.61.  
All in favor. Absent: Biggart

**Correspondence:** Letters from Mr. Hughes concerning Intercounty Drain and Hesperia School Board President.

**Committee Reports:**

**Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation:** Chairperson Kochans will schedule a Parks meeting.

**Ambulance:**

**Technology:**

**Personnel:** Chairperson McDonald will schedule a meeting in regards to DPW hours.

**Streets and Sidewalks**

**Water & Sewer:**

**Finance, Budget & Insurance:**

**Ordinance:**

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

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

**Police & Zoning Reports:** Chief Gibbs gave his report.

Total calls: 58 Calls/Reports: 09 Juvenile Arrest: 0 Criminal Arrest: 12 Warrants: 05 Traffic Citations: 4 Parking Citations: 0 Traffic Accidents: 1

**PRESIDENT/DPW Report:**

**Unfinished Business**

**Motion made by Farber Seconded by McDonald motion (CARRIED)**

Motion to appoint Peggy Miller to Village Clerk for a two year term.

Yeas: McDonald, Smith, Raymond, Farber

Nays: Kochans

Absent: Biggart

**Motion made by Farber Seconded by McDonald (motion CARRIED)**

To accept Personnel Committee's recommendation to appoint Vicki Burrell as Village Treasurer for a two year term with an hourly wage increase of 0.50 cents immediately and another review 3-6 months with another increase.

Yeas: Kochans, Raymond, Smith, McDonald, Farber

Absent: Biggart

President Farber stated Bill Thorne will remain a Village employee serving 15 hours per week in DPW, Water, Sewer utilizing his sewer license. Bill will be driven to the sewer site at times when his services are needed there.

The recommendation from the Personnel Committee was NOT to reappoint Chief Gibbs.

**Motion made by Farber Seconded by Raymond motion (FAILED)**

Motion made to appoint Dale Gibbs to a two year term (Chief Gibbs then announced he did not want a two year term, he only wanted a 10 month term.) Motion to a two year term rescinded.

Motion to appoint Dale Gibbs to a 10 month term as Hesperia Village Police Chief.

Yeas: Kochans, Raymond

Nays: McDonald, Smith, Farber

Absent: Biggart

Phone System – President Farber tabled discussion and approval until next Council meeting May 14, 2018. All in favor.

### **New Business**

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

Motion to accept Bill Thorne's recommendation to replace the pump at Well #1 from Northern Pump and Well for \$ 18,781.00

All in favor. Absent: Biggart

**Motion made** by Farber **Seconded by** Kochans **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to **REJECT** AT & T's offer of a buyout for the antenna space they currently have on our water tower. The offers were \$419,520.00 for a 50 year Easement or \$389,270.00 for a 35 year Easement. After much discussion and figuring, the Council decided the buyout was not in the best interest of the Village.

Discussion of the "Car Wash". Mr. Kurt Lowdermilk, present owner has been requesting some type of relief of the past due water bill at the car wash from the previous tenant. Since the water bills stay with the property he is responsible. He met with Committee members and after much discussion and research, it was found the water should have been turned off due to non-payment. There has been issues with difficulty in shutting the water off at that location, and the tenant had a payment agreement with the Village, so the use of the water continued past the 60 day shut off. President Farber and the office staff determined since the water should have been turned off after 60 days, (and was not) the amount is \$480 plus \$90.26 late fees to the total of \$570.26.

**Motion made by** Farber **Seconded by** Smith **motion (CARRIED)**

Motion to give \$570.26 relief of the bill to the owner of the car wash at 385 S. Division.

Yeas: McDonald, Smith, Farber

Nays – Kochans, Raymond

Absent: Biggart

**Public Comment** Bill Rumsey asked –"No Police Chief, right"? President Farber: "That is correct." Mr. Rumsey asked if our local Police are still on duty, yes they are.

### **Miscellaneous**

Motion by Raymond Seconded by Kochans

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted

Peggy J. Miller  
Hesperia Village Clerk

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