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**Village of Hesperia, Michigan**  
Regular Council Meeting  
May 14, 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 , Jayne Biggart

Also present: Interim Chief Farber, Clerk Miller, Bonnie Robinson, Treasurer Burrell, Eileen Nelson, Bill Thorne, Lou Nemastil, Bill Rumsey, Megan Rasmussen, Mari Ann McGahan.

**Set the Agenda:**

**Motion by Raymond Seconded by Biggart** (motion CARRIED)  
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 April 9, 2018.  
All in favor.

**Motion by McDonald Seconded by Kochans** (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to approve payment of invoices for May 2018 in the amount of \$32,466.77.  
All in favor

**Correspondence:**

Notice from Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs in Lansing stating that the Jack’s Quick Stop has been sold and the Liquor License has been transferred. The Council need not do anything , but they are free to offer any comments.

**Committee Reports:**

**Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation:** Chairperson Kochans inquired if the new roof on the bathrooms at Weaver Park was completed. President Farber noted the DPW crew is battling rain, but the supplies have been purchased, just waiting for good weather. Kochans questioned if cameras at Weaver Park would be beneficial due to some questioning activity. Kochans also noted that there are no bathrooms or port a johns at the Webster Park. President Farber asked Kochans to look into those items, Kochans she would be scheduling a Committee meeting.

**Ambulance:** None

**Technology:** Chair Biggart noted there were two committee meetings to research the new phone system. One was on May 8<sup>th</sup> and on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Committee has a recommendation.

**Personnel:** Chairperson McDonald reported the Personnel Committee met two times, April 18<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Streets, Sidewalks and Equipment:** Chair Smith noted a meeting was held on April 27, 2018 to discuss Kubota repair. Committee has a recommendation.

**Water & Sewer:**

**Finance, Budget & Insurance:** Chair McDonald said a Committee meeting was held on April 18, 2018 for discussion on advertising for Police Chief.

**Ordinance:**

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

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

**Police & Zoning Reports:** President Farber noted the possible buyers of Christine Turple's property on McLaren Lake Road is looking into a change in zoning, from Residential to Commercial.

Interim Chief Bob Farber gave his report (Report is Attached to minutes)

**PRESIDENT/DPW Report:** Water tower is cleaned and back on line. Hydrant flushing is to take place by the DPW crew May 15 and 16 in the evening. On May 17 DEQ will be present to monitor our testing agency. All systems are in great shape.

### **Unfinished Business**

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

Motion made to upgrade the phone system with Frontier at a cost of \$2,940.69.

All in favor.

### **New Business**

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

Motion to pay the previous Police Chief Dale Gibbs his unused leave; 8 hours personal, 40 hours sick and 40 hours vacation.

All in favor.

Trustee Raymond wanted to make sure ALL previous employees were paid mileage when reporting to a court ordered deposition concerning issues while they were employees.

The entire Council agreed.

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

Motion to appoint Jeremy Stevens as Street Administrator for the current fiscal year with an annual \$1,000.00.

All in favor.

**Motion made by Smith Seconded by Raymond** **motion (CARRIED)**  
Motion to repair Kubota for \$3,300 by Reeman Farm Equipment.  
All in favor.

**Motion made by Farber Seconded by Biggart** **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to NOT acquire the property at 134 N. Michigan Ave, Hesperia, Michigan, Newaygo County as per offer by Newaygo County Treasurer's Office from Tax Foreclosure Sale.  
All in favor.

Discussion on the DPW Director/Supervisor. Trustee McDonald asked Bill Thorne if he wanted to go into a closed meeting , Mr. Thorne stated "No, he did not". Bill's idea is that he was going to retire on or before October 31, 2018. He would like to cut his current working hours to 8 hours per week instead of 15 hours per week which he has been working, but because he has the essential sewer license he will be paid the same weekly gross amount.

**Motion made by Raymond Seconded by McDonald** **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion made for Bill Thorne to reduce his working hours to 8 hours per week with the current gross weekly wage he is was receiving.  
All in favor.

**Motion made by McDonald Seconded by Smith** **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to approve Bill Thorne to go to upcoming training classes offered by Michigan Rural Water.  
All in favor.

**Motion made by McDonald Seconded by Biggart** **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion made to advertise for a DPW Head.  
All in favor.  
Personnel Committee is to be scheduled.

**Public Comment** Eileen Nelson said more time is needed to prepare for the Spring Clean Up. Treasurer Burrell reminded her it was on the water bills sent out the first of May. Also Ms. Nelson wanted to note that the drain from the Quick Stop needs to be cleaned.

**Miscellaneous**

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Raymond Seconded by McDonald  
Motion to adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted  
Peggy J. Miller  
Hesperia Village Clerk

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