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**Village of Hesperia, Michigan**  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 11, 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, Bill Rumsey, Al Daniels.

**Set the Agenda:**

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

Motion to amend the agenda as follows:

NEW BUSINESS

- b. Well Head Protection
- c. Police Chief
- d. Closed Session
- e. Wage increase for cleaning lady

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 May 14, 2018.

All in favor.

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

Motion to approve payment of invoices for May 2018 in the amount of \$19,181.55.

All in favor

**Correspondence:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation:** Chairperson Kochans reported she has been in contact with ReLeaf Michigan program concerning trees to be placed at Vida Weaver Park. She reported on the requirements of the program and the cost which is 50% of the cost of the trees. She will have more definite information at the next Council meeting.

It was noted that the Webster and Weaver parks need more sand or chips under the swings.

The DPW is going to clean out the sign at Vida Weaver Park.

**Ambulance:** None

**Technology:** Chair Biggart asked if any word has come concerning the status of the Verizon Tower. Clerk Miller had spoken with David Antoun just today regarding the tower. She was told everything is moving along right on schedule, it is a timely process. Clerk Miller asked Mr. Antoun about the lease and was told he thought we signed it. He was going to check with the attorney on his end. The proposed completion date is the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter in 2019.

**Streets, Sidewalks and Equipment:**

**Water & Sewer:** There was a Committee meeting on June 6, 2018 to review the Well Head Protection Plan from Michigan Rural Water.

**Personnel & Salary:** Chairperson McDonald reported on the committee meeting of May 21, 2018 when they reviewed the Police Chief applications. They decided to interview all that applied. They are as follows: Joseph FitzGerald of Peshtigo, Wisc.

Jeremy Herfert of Lapeer, MI

Fred Hull of Grant, MI

Dalton Schaffer of Hesperia, MI

A Committee meeting was held on June 8, 2018 to conduct the interviews with the applicants. Each applicant was given the same interview questions.

McDonald also noted that a proposal from Sheriff Mast and Sheriff Mendham was given to committee for police coverage for Hesperia.

It is the recommendation of the Committee to offer the Police Chief position to Joseph FitzGerald.

**Finance, Budget & Insurance:**

**Ordinance:**

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

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

**Police & Zoning Reports:** Interim Chief Farber reported the following: Calls for Service: 110, Calls for service at the School: 16, Other Juvenile Calls: 3, Arrests: 5, Traffic Citations: 3, Local Ordinance Complaints: 4, Traffic Accidents: 1.

**PRESIDENT/DPW Report:** President Farber reported on 1 zoning permit for a fence. The Junk Ordinance needs to be revisited, Committee will schedule a meeting, Chief Farber would like to attend.

DPW has been busy with patching streets and mowing parks. Hopefully repair of the Kubota will be finished this week.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

**Motion made by Raymond Seconded by Kochans**

**motion (CARRIED)**

Motion made to adopt the 2018 millage rate of 14.2559.

Yeas: Smith, Kochans, McDonald, Raymond, Farber

Abstain: Biggart

President Farber discussed the Well Head Protection Plan that the water/sewer committee reviewed at the meeting. The program would cost \$8,775.00 but we could receive a grant from them for \$4,387.50. The deadline to apply for the grant is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

Motion to proceed with adoption of the Well Head Protection Plan as presented.

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

Nays : 0

**Motion by Biggart Seconded by McDonald**

Motion to offer Chief of Police position to Joseph FitzGerald.

**Motion rescinded by Biggart**

Discussion went to Newaygo and Oceana County Sheriff's proposal to provide police coverage to Hesperia for \$212,000. All Council members were not in favor of the presented proposal.

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

Motion to offer the Police Chief position to Joseph FitzGerald.

Discussion: McDonald briefed the council on Mr. FitzGerald's background. Very educated in law enforcement and related duties, knowledgeable in technology, both Sheriff's were impressed by his knowledge. He also stated he would commit for ten years.

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

Nays -0-

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

Motion to enter into "closed session".

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

Nays – 0.

**President Farber opened the re-enter of regular session of Council meeting at 8:50 pm**

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

Motion to increase Ursula Syers (Cleaning Lady) wages by .20 cents per hour bringing her wage to \$11.00 per hour.

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

**Public Comment :**

**Miscellaneous:** President Farber announced that he received a resignation letter from Clerk Miller, announcing her retirement from the Village of July 13, 2018.

McDonald announced she had bought and paid for a planter for Roger Kraus's funeral and was asking for contributions. President Farber said the auditors said that the Village can pay for flowers. Clerk Miller will reimburse McDonald for the cost.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion by McDonald Seconded by Kochans**

Motion to adjourn.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted  
Peggy J. Miller  
Hesperia Village Clerk

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