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**Village of Hesperia, Michigan**  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 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 , Jayne Biggart

Also present: Interim Chief Farber, Chief Joe FitzGerald, Clerk Miller, Bonnie Robinson, Eileen Nelson, Bill Rumsey, Treasurer Burrell, Bill Rumsey, Lou Nemastil, and Bill Thorne

**Set the Agenda:**

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

Motion to amend the agenda as follows:

Add "Approval of Special Council meeting of June 15, 2018"

All in favor.

**Brief Public Comment on Agenda items only**

Lou Nemastil spoke about the proposed ordinance. He wanted to make sure the Council read complete ordinance before voting.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 11, 2018.

All in favor.

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

Motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on June 11, 2018

All in favor

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

Motion to accept the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on June 15, 2018

All in favor.

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

Motion to approve payment of invoices for June 2018 in the amount of \$23,524.33

**Correspondence:**

President Farber acknowledged and thanked the Boy Scouts for helping clean up the Village after July 4<sup>th</sup> Fun Fest. Also thanked Hesperia Village DPW, Police Dept. and the Beautification Committee for their help during the festival. All did a great job.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation:** Chairperson Kochans reported her and committee member Biggart met with Eric Nelson of Weesies in regards to the trees for Vida-Weaver Park. He suggested completing the needed paper work for the "Re-Leaf" Program. They will match up to \$1,500.00

**Ambulance:** None

**Technology:** No word on the proposed Verizon tower.

### **Streets, Sidewalks and Equipment:**

**Water & Sewer:** Chairman Jim Smith reported the sewer site needed some cleaning up in regards to mowing and weed whacking. He has some things to check into, will have more information at next council meeting.

**Personnel & Salary:** Chairperson McDonald reported there was committee meeting of July 5<sup>th</sup> in regards to Clerk's position.

**Finance, Budget & Insurance:** Chairperson McDonald reported the committee met on July 5<sup>th</sup> to review invoices.

### **Ordinance:**

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

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

**Police & Zoning Reports:** Interim Chief Farber reported the following: Calls for Service: 64, Calls for service at the School: 0, Other Juvenile Calls: 1, Arrests: 3 Traffic Citations: 6, Local Ordinance Complaints: 1, Traffic Accidents: 4.

Newly appointed Police Chief Joe FitzGerald introduced himself and spoke of the upcoming updates he and Chief Farber were working on, and what his plans are for the future for the Village Police Department.

**PRESIDENT/DPW Report:** Bill Thorne reported the Ford Dump truck needs brakes all around, deemed unsafe at this time. Mowing and weed whacking the sewer site.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **New Business**

The amended Water Ordinance was presented and will be voted on at next Council meeting of August 13, 2018.

Personnel Committee recommended Village Treasurer Vicki R. Burrell be moved in to the Clerk's position when present Clerk leaves.

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

Motion to accept Committee's recommendation and move Burrell into the Clerk's position when Clerk Miller leaves.

Discussion: Starting pay is \$16.00 per hour with a review in 4 months. When Burrell moves into the Clerk's position and handles both positions, she will be at \$18.00 per hour until a new Treasurer is hired, then back to \$16.00.

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

Nays: 0

**Public Comment:** Eileen Nelson commented for Council members to speak louder. The lot that the Catholic Church owns, needs mowing.

**Miscellaneous:** President Farber brought to attention that Chief FitzGerald lives in Fremont and he requests that he take the Village Police car home, after discussion is was as follows.

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

Motion to allow Chief FitzGerald to take the police car home to Fremont.

Yeas – Smith, Raymond, Biggart, Kochans, Farber

Nays – McDonald

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

Motion made to extend Interim Chief Farber's employment to assist Chief FitzGerald in his duties at 24 hours per week until August 13, 2018

All in favor.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion by McDonald Seconded by Kochans**

Motion to adjourn.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

Respectfully submitted

Peggy J. Miller  
Hesperia Village Clerk

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