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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 17, 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: Jayne Biggart, Carol Kochans, Mike Farber, Joyce McDonald, Jim Smith, Arthur Raymond

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Chief FitzGerald, Bonnie Robinson, Eileen Nelson, Bill Rumsey, Gail Tilley, Sally Kraley, Lil Eitnrear, Eileen Homan, Linda Benedict, Terry Love, Sharon Love, Jared Reas, Gina Yob, Chuck Yob, Jim Draper, Jake Allen

**Set/Amend the Agenda:**

**Motion** by Raymond **Seconded** by Biggart (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to set agenda as presented  
All in favor

**Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items**

**Motion** by Raymond **Seconded** by Kochans (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to approve the minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on August 13, 2018  
All in favor

**Motion** by Biggart **Seconded** by McDonald (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to approve payment of invoices for August 2018 for \$11,897.25  
All in favor

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

President Farber mentioned that H & S companies finished the audit for 2017-2018 and will report their findings at the October meeting. Chairperson Biggart inquired about the engine braking signs on our street and inquired if we needed to remove them due to it being a state law.

**Committee Reports:**

**Ambulance:**

**Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation:** Chairperson Kochans said she was waiting on some quotes regarding the security system at Weaver Park. She also mentioned that she was meeting with Eric Nelson regarding the trees in Vida Weaver Park.

**Technology:** Chairperson Biggart said the committee met with Mary from Pixel Grafix on August 27, 2018. She said that Mary could train the Clerk on WordPress for \$100.00 per hour. She thought Clerk could learn via tutorials available online. She said that Pixel Grafix would only charge \$12.50 per every 15 minutes to make changes to website.

**Personnel:**

**Streets and Sidewalks:**

**Water & Sewer:** Chairperson Smith spoke on the condition of the water tower. He said it needs a good cleaning because it is filthy. President Farber said that he would reach out and get some quotes to clean it. Chairperson Smith mentioned that there was damaged stop sign at the corner of Division and Michigan. President Farber said that the sign was ordered approximately 10 days ago.

**Finance, Budget & Insurance:**

**Ordinance:**

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

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

**Police & Zoning Reports:** Chief FitzGerald reported that there were 23 calls for service; 3 arrests; 4 traffic citations and 1 zoning permit. He stated that Crash Reporting is now loaded on the police computers. All officers are trained on the E-Crash reporting program and the police department is now compliant with the State of Michigan reporting requirements. Chief FitzGerald spoke on some ordinance issues we are having. He said some of the hot spots are on Munn Street, Cook Street and he is working on some other streets as well. He has been called to the school a few times this week. Homecoming is this week and they will provide coverage for that.

**PRESIDENT/DPW Report:** President Farber reported that Main Street has been repaved and striped. He mentioned that Bill Thorne was working with the DEQ to see if it is OK to proceed with the cleaning of the ponds at the sewer site. President Farber mentioned that a Special Council meeting will be scheduled in the next 10 days on the Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance and that our attorney would be present. He mentioned that the Kubota was ordered and should be here sometime in October. He said that he would be reaching out to Beaver Tree service to remove some dead branches from the tree in Webster Park near the Veterans Memorial.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

**Motion by Raymond Seconded by McDonald** (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to appoint Vicki R. Burrell to be the FOIA Coordinator for the Village of Hesperia

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

Nays: None

**Motion by Kochans Seconded by McDonald** (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to accept Budget Amendments in the amount of \$9,870.00 to account for shortfalls in the budget

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

Nays: None

**Motion by McDonald Seconded by Kochans** (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to accept the quote from Ted Hartleb Insurance Agency in the amount of \$22,031.00

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

Nays: None

**Motion by McDonald Seconded by Kochans**

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to add additional Cyber Liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$999.00

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

Nays: None

**Public Comment:**

Terry Love spoke on the ordinance violations at 140 S. Cook. He asked to have them enforced because he believes they are running a scrap business out of the address. He also, mentioned the conditions of the sidewalks in front of the village hall. He said that there were many cracks and it was unsafe for wheelchairs to cross. Gina Yob mentioned that they purchased the property at 9 E. Michigan and would like the council to work expeditiously on the Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Jared Reas spoke on ordinances issues in town, especially mowing and want to know if they could be put on the property owner's taxes along with the water/sewer bills. President Farber explained that the water/sewer invoice could not be put on the property taxes because the council failed to approve the ordinance at the last meeting. Mrs. Nelson inquired about the lot next to her house that was owned by the Catholic Church if they were exempt from the ordinance. The grass is very tall and has a lot of critters living in it.

**Motion by Biggart Seconded by Smith to adjourn.**

**(motion CARRIED)**

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk

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