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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
November 12, 2018  
7:30 PM

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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  
Absent: Arthur Raymond

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Chief FitzGerald, Eileen Nelson, Bonnie Robinson, David Huntley, Sally Kraley, Tom Kraley, Lil Eitnrear

**Set/Amend the Agenda:**

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

Motion to set agenda as presented

Yeas: Biggart, Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber

Nays: None

Absent: Raymond

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Village Council Meeting held on October 8, 2018

Yeas: Biggart, Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber

Nays: None

Absent: Raymond

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the Village Council Meeting held on October 8, 2018

Yeas: Biggart, Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber

Nays: None

Absent: Raymond

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Village Council Workshop held on October 29, 2018

Yeas: Biggart, Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber

Nays: None

Absent: Raymond

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

Motion to approve payment of invoices for October 2018 for \$41,318.56

Yeas: Biggart, Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber

Nays: None

Absent: Raymond

**Motion** by Farber **Seconded** by Biggart

(**motion CARRIED**)

Motion to approve payment of invoice for Rick's Excavating for October 2018 for \$1,983.50

Yeas: Biggart, Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber

Nays: None

Absent: Raymond

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

Smith said he was approached by a resident about an ordinance about political signs. President Farber said he was not aware of one but he would have the DPW collect any remaining signs. President Farber thanked Bill Thorne for his 3 years of employment with the Village. He also thanked chairpersons Jayne Biggart and Arthur Raymond for their time on the council. President Farber spoke on the PFAS water results and that the DEQ stated that the concern is very low at this time. He talked about a letter that we received from a property owner in the privately owned subdivision of South Branch. He said it was for informational purposes only and hopes that the residents will resolve their issues. He spoke about an e-mail that we received asking if we wanted to participate in Giving Tuesday. He said that since it was short notice, perhaps we could make plans to participate next year.

**Committee Reports**

**Ambulance:**

**Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation:** Chairperson Kochans reported on a proposal that she got from Weesies Brothers to replace the trees in Vida Weaver Park. She said that were 6 trees in total and that they were all suitable to be planted in with wet areas. She was going to verify with them that the trees had spring and fall colors.

**Technology:**

**Personnel:** Chairperson McDonald spoke about the benefits section of the handbook and that one employee was already enrolled in the MERS benefit plan. She recommended a meeting be set up on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM to discuss benefits for the remaining full time employees.

**Streets and Sidewalks:**

**Water & Sewer:**

**Finance, Budget & Insurance:**

**Ordinance:**

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

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

**Police & Zoning Reports:** Chief FitzGerald reported the following: Calls for Service: 28 Arrests: 1 Traffic Citations: 2 Traffic Accidents: 0 Zoning: 0. The records management system is completed and the training is scheduled for November 20, 2018. The enforcing of ordinances is going well. He will continue to monitor for compliance. The school year is progressing well and there have been no major issues. The Chief reported that the department needed a complete overall of their policies and procedures. He is looking in to getting that accomplished.

**PRESIDENT/DPW Report:** President Farber said that Verizon has finished Phase 1 of testing for the tower and has requested a Phase 2 to be performed. He mentioned that more research needs to be done on the title search for the property because it is showing in Newaygo County's name. The DPW have cleaned up the parks and are preparing for winter. He announced that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony would be on November 30, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

**Motion** by Farber **Seconded** by Biggart

**(motion FAILED)**

Motion to accept NCRESA NCATS proposal

Yeas: None

Nays: Biggart, Kochans McDonald, Smith, Farber

Absent: Raymond

**Public Comment:**

Bill Rumsey inquired about the status of the Medical Marihuana Facilities Ordinance. President Farber explained that a draft copy had been passed out to the council members. Once our Legal Counsel makes changes, an introduction meeting would be scheduled then it would be put before the council for adoption of the ordinance. David Huntley spoke about Armistice Day and that he wishes there was more public participation in ringing of the bell at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour to honor all veterans. He asked if the council could bring more attention to it next year. Eileen Nelson had some questions about the Medical Marihuana Facilities and who would be policing the building and streets. President Farber said that the individual group running the facility would be in charge of checking ID's etc., and the Hesperia Police Department would take care of any traffic on public streets. President Farber explained that Recreational Marihuana is different than Medical Marihuana. We would have to opt out of Recreational Marihuana being allowed in village. McDonald took a moment to thank all veterans for their service.

**Motion** by Kochans **Seconded** by Smith

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to adjourn.

Yeas: Biggart, Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber

Nays: None

Absent: Raymond

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk

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