
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
March 11, 2019
7:30 PM

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: Kristin DenBesten, Carol Kochans, Mike Maynard, Joyce McDonald, Jim Smith, J.R. Derks, Mike Farber

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Interim Chief Hull, Kevin Hunt, Sheri Hunt, Bonnie Robinson, Cindy Greene, Bill Rumsey, Troy Slocum, Jackie Slocum, Glen Sparks, Debra Pagan, Christina Mejia and Bob Henry.

Set/Amend the Agenda:

Motion by Derks **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to amend the agenda to add the DPW position under unfinished business and remove Item d. from new business.
Yeas: DenBesten, Kochans, Maynard, McDonald, Smith, Derks, Farber
Nays: None

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by Maynard **Seconded** by Kochans **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve the corrected minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 14, 2019 EXCEPT FOR PORTION REGARDING GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION.
Yeas: DenBesten, Kochans, Maynard, Derks
Nays: McDonald, Smith, Farber

Motion by Derks **Seconded** by Maynard **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held on February 11, 2019
Yeas: DenBesten, Kochans, Maynard, McDonald, Smith, Derks, Farber
Nays: None

Motion by Derks **Seconded** by DenBesten **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve payment of invoices for February 2019 for \$72,440.43.
Yeas: DenBesten, Kochans, Maynard, McDonald, Smith, Derks, Farber
Nays: None

Announcements/Correspondence:

Glen Sparks from the Newaygo County Republican Party introduced himself and passed out flyers for his group. President Farber reported that the Newaygo County Autism Community will put blue ribbons on the light poles in town for the month of April. President Farber reported that the village received a letter of noncompliance for our non-motorized vehicle expenditures for ACT 51 from MDOT. By identifying old and new projects with Josh DeBruyn from MDOT, we are back in compliance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambulance:

Building & Grounds: McDonald reported the Building & Grounds committee had a meeting on March 6, 2019 to discuss the bids for replacing the doors. Only received one bid and recommended to decline it since the bid was for the wrong specs. She will reach out to a few contractors out of the Fremont area and get new bids with the correct specs.

Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation:

Finance, Budget & Insurance:

Legal: Derks said that he was waiting on e-mails from a few attorneys that he contacted. He would set up a committee meeting.

Marihuana: McDonald reported that she researched the questions regarding minors and Medical Marihuana facilities. She said that would fall under the state guidelines of the parent/guardian being responsible for the minor. She would like to have the Medical Marihuana Ordinance placed back on the agenda in April.

Ordinance:

Personnel & Salary:

Streets, Sidewalks, Equipment & Lighting:

Technology & Website:

Water & Sewer:

Police Report: Interim Chief Hull reported that we had 40 Calls for Service, 2 arrests, 3 traffic citations. He said that they had a few calls for Med Assist. Hesperia Schools are still testing the new lockdown system to make sure that every aspect is covered.

PRESIDENT/DPW/ZONING Report: President Farber reported that he received one zoning permit from John Workman to add an additional storage unit on Winter Street. He reported that the DPW completed the quarterly testing for PFAS and the results came back at 8 PPT. He said that the MDEQ would be picking up the bill for the next three quarters. He said the new pickup truck should be here in a few weeks.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald

Motion to: How to proceed on interviewing for police chief.

Motion rescinded by Farber

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to: Have Personnel Committee conduct interviews for the Chief of Police position.

Yeas: DenBesten, Kochans, Maynard, McDonald, Farber

Nays: Smith, Derks

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to: Hire Jeremy Stevens as DPW supervisor

Yeas: DenBesten, McDonald, Smith, Farber

Nays: Kochans, Maynard, Derks

New Business:

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Kochans

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to: Accept the proposal from Weesies Brothers in the amount of \$2,834.00 to plant 6 trees in Vida Weaver Park.

Yeas: DenBesten, Kochans, Maynard, McDonald, Derks, Farber

Nays: Smith

Motion by Derks **Seconded** by DenBesten

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to: To schedule a public hearing for the proposed 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget on March 27, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Yeas: DenBesten, Kochans, Maynard, Derks, Farber

Nays: McDonald, Smith

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to: To re-hire seasonal worker, Randi Bevins for the summer season from April 2019 to October 2019.

Yeas: DenBesten, Kochans, Maynard, McDonald, Smith, Derks, Farber

Nays: None

Public Comment:

Bill Rumsey inquired who was on the personnel committee. McDonald responded herself and Mike Maynard. He also asked how long the village would be without legal counsel. Derks responded that they would be interviewing a few attorneys in the next couple of weeks. Debra Pagan inquired what Maynard's motion would have been. Maynard read his motion: To hire Fred Hull as Police Chief and have the personnel committee set the wages and benefits. Jackie Slocum asked what the issues were with the Medical Marihuana Ordinance. President Farber responded there was a question about minors with a card. Christina Mejia inquired why Jeremy Stevens was hired and Fred Hull was not. President Farber explained that it was not on the agenda to hire Fred Hull. Jackie Slocum inquired who the applicants were for Police Chief. McDonald said that they had three applicants, Fred Hull, Louis Herremans and Jeremy Herfert. Jackie Slocum asked if the public's opinion was going to count in the hiring of the police chief. President Farber said yes, to an extent.

Motion by Kochans **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn.

Yeas: DenBesten, Kochans, Maynard, McDonald, Smith, Farber

Nays: Derks

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk

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