
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
April 8, 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, Joyce McDonald, Jim Smith, Mike Farber
Members Absent: J.R. Derks, Mike Maynard

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Interim Chief Hull, Jeremy Stevens, Bill Rumsey, Kevin Hunt, Jackie Slocum, Troy Slocum, Roy Strait, John Heykoop, Jaxon Dyk, Debra Pagan

Set the Agenda:

Motion by Kochans **Seconded** by McDonald (motion CARRIED)
Motion to set the agenda as presented.
Yeas: DenBesten, Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber
Nays:
Absent: Derks, Maynard

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Bill Rumsey inquired what HHW was. It is Household Hazardous Waste for Oceana County Conservation District.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 11, 2019
All in Favor
Absent: Derks, Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Kochans (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on March 27, 2019
All in Favor
Absent: Derks, Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by DenBesten (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Village Council Meeting held on March 27, 2019
All in Favor
Absent: Derks, Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by DenBesten (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Village Council Meeting held on April 1, 2019
All in Favor
Absent: Derks, Maynard

Motion by DenBesten **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to approve payment of invoices for March, 2019 for \$16,373.14.

Yeas: DenBesten, Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber

Nays:

Absent: Derks, Maynard

Discussion: McDonald inquired who Booko Brothers was. They are the construction company that repaired damage in the fire apartment from the frozen pipe. She also, asked why we had two insurance companies. EMC is for our liability insurance and Consumers Life is for our employee life insurance.

Announcements/Correspondence:

President Farber said that he spoke with Newaygo County regarding the culverts on Michigan Avenue. They are coordinating with the State of Michigan to hopefully get them replaced at no charge to the Village.

Committee Reports

Ambulance:

Building & Grounds: McDonald reported that the committee met on April 3, 2019 and it is their recommendation to accept the bid from Smith Construction Group to replace two doors at the Village hall in the amount of \$1,620.00.

Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation: Kochans reported that Weesies Nursery will be planting the trees sometime in early May.

Finance, Budget & Insurance:

Legal:

Marihuana:

Ordinance:

Personnel & Salary:

Streets, Sidewalks, Equipment & Lighting:

Technology & Website:

Water & Sewer:

Police Report: Interim Chief Hull reported that there were 32 Calls for Service, 2 arrests, 1 traffic citation. He reported that he checked with the school regarding the crossing signs. There are signs on Division and on South Street. The lights are activated at 7:20 AM and 2:45 PM and flash for 45 minutes. On March 7, 2019, there was a lock down drill at the school. There are a few issues that need to be worked on. On March 13, 2019, the police department along with the Michigan State Police, Newaygo and Oceana Counties, took part in the Rescue Taskforce Operation at the school and the training was very helpful.

DPW/Streets Administrator: DPW Supervisor, Jeremy Stevens reported that he completed his annual pumpage report 29,420,000 gallons, average 80,000 gallons per day. He filed the cross connection report with the DEQ. We had 12 high hazards and 16 low hazards. Nothing to report for sewer. 90% of the large pot holes on the streets have been filled. His department spent 4 days watching the dam during the flood back in March. Most of the sticks are picked up in the parks. They will be opening the bathrooms in May. Had one employee quit on April 2, 2019. The hydrants will be flushed in May after the threat of frost has gone.

President/Zoning Report: President Farber did some checking for Legal Counsel. He said that the prices range from \$160.00 to \$245.00 per hour. He mentioned that our previous legal counsel, Williams, Hughes was \$145.00 per hour. President Farber said that he had one zoning permit for placement of a shed and had one inquiry regarding a property split.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to offer Louis Herremans an extra \$2,500.00 in wages to make his annual salary as Hesperia Chief of Police to be \$50,500.00.
Yeas: Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber
Nays: DenBesten
Absent: Derks, Maynard

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to continue to pursue the lawsuit over the ownership of the Hesperia islands with our new legal counsel.
Yeas: DenBesten, McDonald, Smith, Farber
Nays: Kochans
Absent: Derks, Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to accept the bid from Smith Construction Group to replace two doors for \$1,620.00
Yeas: DenBesten, Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber
Nays:
Absent: Derks, Maynard

New Business:

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve budget amendments in the amount of \$29,841.00.
Yeas: DenBesten, Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber
Nays:
Absent: Derks, Maynard

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion not to participate in the HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) program by Oceana Conservation District.
All in Favor
Absent: Derks, Maynard

Public Comment:

Bill Rumsey inquired if we had a police chief. President Farber said that yes, Louis Herremans is our new police chief. He will start in approximately 30 days after he has given notice to his current employer. Debra Pagan inquired what the status on the water ordinance was. President Farber said that he had nothing new to report at this time. She voiced her disappointment on the length of time it was taking to resolve it.

Miscellaneous:

Motion by Kochans **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn.

All in Favor

Absent: Derks, Maynard

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk

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