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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
May 20, 2019  
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: Carol Kochans, Joyce McDonald, Jim Smith, Mike Farber,  
Absent: Kristin DenBesten, J.R. Derks, Mike Maynard

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Chief Herremans, Jeremy Stevens, Diane McFarland, Jerry Klont, Diana Robinson, Sharita Prowant, Faith Gram, Terry Beardsley Jr., Dwayne Tinkham, Max Robinson, Rose Robinson, Jackie Slocum, Troy Slocum, Sheri Hunt, Mary Penniga, Gina Yob, Dennis Pellegrini, Chuck Yob, Bill Rumsey, Sally Krale, Lil Eitniear, Christine Turple, Bonnie Robinson, Woody VanBlargan, Patricia Gray, Brittany Mills, Mike Kraus, Debra Pagan, Chris Booher, Linda Cunningham, Fred Turple, Ken DeLaat, Marcus Allen, Roy Strait, John Heykoop, Bob Farber and others not listed.

**Set/Amend the Agenda**

**Motion** by Farber **Seconded** by Kochans **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to amend the agenda to remove Item d. Attorney from the agenda and to replace it with scheduling of a Public Hearing on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM for Truth in Taxation  
Yeas: Kochans, Smith, Farber  
Nays: McDonald

**Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:**

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 8, 2019  
Yeas: Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber  
Nays: None

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Kochans **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Village Council Meeting held on April 15, 2019  
Yeas: Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber  
Nays: None

**Motion** by Kochans **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Village Council Meeting held on April 22, 2019  
Yeas: Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber  
Nays: None

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to approve payment of invoices for April, 2019 for \$44,756.43  
Yeas: Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber  
Nays: None

## **Announcements/Correspondence:**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Ambulance:**

#### **Building & Grounds:**

**Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation:** Kochans said that there was committee meeting held on April 18, 2019 and the recommendation is to accept Beaver Tree Service's bid to remove a tree and trim some branches in another tree in the amount of \$1570.00. Gave update on the trees in Vida Weaver Park and said that they should be planted sometime this month.

#### **Finance, Budget & Insurance:**

#### **Legal:**

#### **Marihuana:**

#### **Ordinance:**

**Personnel & Salary:** McDonald said there was a committee meeting held on April 16, 2019 regarding a vacancy in our DPW department due to an employee leaving our employ. It is the committee's recommendation to move Randi Bevins into the part time DPW position starting at \$12.00 with a 6 month probationary period for her to get her CDL. The second recommendation was to post openings for two DPW seasonal positions. McDonald also stated that there was a committee meeting held on March 25, 2019 to discuss wage increases for employees and the recommendation was to send it to the Finance Committee for approval. President Farber said that, himself and Kristen DenBesten had a meeting on April 11, 2019 discussing if the wage increases were in the budget. Clerk Burrell said that there was money in the budget for wage increases. The recommendation was to approve the Personnel Committee's wage increase recommendation. The wage increases are as follows: Jeremy Stevens to receive a \$1.50 per hour raise to be at \$20.00 per hour and re-evaluate in 6 months and raise his wages to \$21.00 per hour or to offer him a salary of \$22.00 to \$25.00 per hour, Randi Bevins to receive an .80 cents per hour raise to be \$10.25 per hour, Peggy Miller to receive a \$.35 per hour raise to be \$15.35 per hour, Vicki Burrell to receive a \$2.00 per hour raise to be \$18.00 per hour, Fernando Hernandez to receive a \$1.00 per hour raise to be \$15.36 per hour and Larry Hoffman to receive a \$1.00 per hour raise to be \$15.36 and for new seasonal DPW employees to start at \$9.50 per hour and for DPW part time to start at \$12.00 per hour. The full time officer will be reviewed by the new police chief.

#### **Streets, Sidewalks, Equipment & Lighting:**

#### **Technology & Website:**

#### **Water & Sewer:**

**Police Report:** President Farber welcomed Louis Herremans as the village's new police chief.

**DPW Report:** Jeremy Stevens reported that meters were read, reported flushing of water mains would happen on Wednesday and Thursday. The Bacti sample came back negative. He is mowing the grass at the sewer site so they can irrigate sometime around the beginning of June. There was a broken belt on one of the motors at the sewer site and it is now fixed. The DPW is a little behind on mowing. Potholes are being filled. The bathrooms at the dam are open but the ones at the Pavilion Park are closed but will open next week. He reported that the locks were cut and was vandalized. Smith said to enforce the times of the park closures. Chief Herremans said he would work the schedules out so they have more coverage. Gave update that the new pick up still has not arrived and is waiting to be painted. McDonald inquired about the vandalism at the bathrooms in Weaver Park and asked if portable toilets would be better. President Farber and Kochans mentioned getting cameras for that area. Smith mentioned enforcing closing hours of the park.

## **Unfinished Business:**

### **New Business:**

**Motion** by Farber **Seconded** by Kochans **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to accept the Dams, Parks, Civic and Recreation Committee's recommendation to accept the quote from Beaver Tree Service in the amount of \$1,570.00 for tree work in Webster Park.  
Yeas: Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber  
Nays: None

**Motion** by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation to move seasonal employee, Randi Bevins to the part time DPW position at \$12.00 per hour, with a 6 month probation to get CDL license and to post openings for two seasonal employees.  
Yeas: Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber  
Nays: None  
Discussion: McDonald needed clarification on the amount that was being offered. It was the committee's recommendation to pay Randi Bevin's \$12.00 per hour.

**Motion** by Farber **Seconded** by Kochans **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to rescind all previous motions on how invoices are paid and to pay invoices pertaining to regular monthly operating expenses (Utilities, Insurance, Fuelman, etc.) by due date to avoid shut off and late fees.  
Yeas: Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber  
Nays: None

**Motion** by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to accept the Personnel and Finance Committee's recommendations to approve employee wage increases as presented.  
Yeas: Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber  
Nays: None

**Motion** by Farber **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to remove J.R. Derks as the Legal Committee Chair and replace with Carol Kochans and to remove J.R. Derks as the Finance, Budget and Insurance Committee Chair and to replace with Joyce McDonald and to remove J.R. Derks as ProTem and replace with Joyce McDonald.  
Yeas: McDonald, Smith, Farber  
Nays: Kochans

**Motion** by Farber **Seconded** by Kochans **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to schedule a Public Hearing for Truth in Taxation Millage rate increase of 14.2359 on Monday, June 10 at 7:00 PM  
Yeas: Kochans, McDonald, Smith, Farber  
Nays: None

**Public Comment:** Gina Yob from Hesperia Wellness spoke on how many e-mails and calls she was receiving about the jobs the facility can bring to Hesperia. She reminded the council that they opted in to allow Medical Marijuana facilities in the village back in October. She said if the council votes no to the ordinance, to please change the ordinance so it can be passed. She thanked the council for showing up and urged them to come to a vote on the Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance. Brittany Mills spoke about the condition of the dam area and wanted to know how to go about getting repairs made. President Farber said to set up a work group and that the DPW has materials they could use. He said that the DPW was shorthanded and Jeremy and himself would be available to help with repairs. Debra Pagan said that she had Jeremy Stevens from the DPW open the meter pit in her yard and said that there was no meter inside. President Farber said that is probably correct but there is still service to the property. Debra Pagan asked if everybody is getting service charges. President Farber said to his knowledge, yes they are. Debra said that she had asked to have the service removed and it is still not being done. President Farber said that he was not going to argue with her. She mentioned that she wrote a letter 6 months prior and has her letter has not been addressed. Sharita Prowant asked about some of that dates for committee meetings. President Farber gave her the dates. Mike Kraus asked about missing the vote for the attorney. It was explained that the agenda was amended. Sharita Prowant asked about why the ordinances were not being brought forward when a quorum was present. President Farber said that the ordinances will be taken care of at the June meeting. Sally Kraley from the Beautification Committee thanked Jeremy Stevens for placing the flower pots and she mentioned that the flowers would be planted tomorrow. She, also, said that the Beautification Committee had ordered two picnic tables for Vida Weaver Park and they should arrive sometime in June. She reported that the Welcome Sign on the south end of town was being removed and repainted. Jeremy inquired about the hanging baskets and Sally Kraley said they would give him notice before they arrive. Kochans inquired about concrete slabs for the picnic tables. At this time, they will be placed in the park without the slabs because they are hoping for a pavilion to be installed as a future project. Bill Rumsey asked if there was anything that can be done to the council members not showing up to meetings except a recall. President Farber said that a recall election is the only option unless they resign on their own. Marcus Allen asked President Farber if there was anything he could do to get the members to attend meetings. President Farber said there was nothing he could do. President Farber did guarantee that the Marijuana Ordinance, Water Ordinance and Legal Counsel would be action items on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Miscellaneous:** McDonald made the announcement that the Marijuana Ordinance, Water Ordinance and hiring of the attorney will be on the June 10<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to adjourn.

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell  
Hesperia Village Clerk

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