
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
June 8, 2020
7:30 PM

Call to Order: Pro-Tem McDonald called this Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Village Hall. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was present. She made an announcement that President Farber was handling an emergency in Vida Weaver Park and would be unable to attend.

Roll Call: Members Present: Dan Herin, Joyce McDonald, Jackie Slocum, Jim Smith, Sara Walker
Members Absent: Mike, Farber, Mike Maynard

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Chief Herremans, Terry Beardsley, Jr., Craig Miller, Tammie Nyugen, Deb Pagan, , Jim Newfer, Jill May, Troy Slocum, Jayne Biggart

Set the Agenda:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to amend the agenda to amend Item b. to read Employee Wage instead of Employee Wage Increase & to remove Item c. Planting of Trees due to Rhonda Bancroft being unable to attend
Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker
Nays:
Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by Walker **Seconded** by Herin **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meetings held on May 11, 2020
Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker
Nays:
Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Walker **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve invoices for the month of May 2020 in the amount of \$36,299.21
Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker
Nays:
Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

Announcements/Correspondence: Pro-Tem McDonald mentioned that during last month’s meeting when the committees were appointed, the Grants, Fundraising and Chamber Interact was inadvertently omitted and Sara Walker and Jackie Slocum will be on this committee with Jackie Slocum as the chairperson. McDonald read a letter from Sara Kralely from the Hesperia Beautification Committee thanking the DPW for helping hang the flowers baskets and placing the flower pots on Main Street. Their mission is to serve the community and promote civic beauty, community pride and environmental responsibility. Slocum said that she was contacted regarding chalk drawings on the sidewalks. McDonald wanted to have discussion with Zoning Administrator prior to making decision. Slocum and Walker agreed.

Committee Reports:

Ambulance:

Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation: Chairperson Walker reported that the dam had two major events this spring and met with Mike Rosema regarding reinforcing the walkways with concrete. The recommendation is to accept his proposal for up to \$7,000. She reported that Scott Rumsey would be putting in the removable docks to the second island. Also reported that the water fountains are off in the parks due to COVID-19.

Technology: Chairperson Slocum reported they met on May 20, 2020 regarding updating the computer equipment in the village office. Recommendation is to accept the quote from IT Right in the amount of \$5,740.00.

Personnel: Chairperson McDonald reported that a meeting was held on June 4, 2020 regarding a personnel review for DPW employee Emmaline Woodward. The recommendation is to leave her as a part time employee and leave her wage at \$14.00.

Streets and Sidewalks:

Water & Sewer:

Finance, Budget & Insurance: Chairperson McDonald reported that Finance Committee met on May 20, 2020 and May 28, 2020 and the recommendations will be given under new business.

Ordinance: Chairperson McDonald reported that the Ordinance committee met on June 3, 2020 regarding the ordinances pertaining to chickens, junk vehicles and mowing of grass. No recommendation at this time.

Grants, Fund Raising, Chamber-Interact:

Buildings and Grounds: Chairperson Smith reported that a meeting was held on June 5, 2020 regarding reconfiguring the front office due to COVID-19. Further research is needed. No recommendation at this time. He also mentioned that there are some doors on the DPW garage and building connected to the police department that will need repair in the near future.

Police and Zoning: Chief Herremans reported that Officer Andrew Polasek has filled the full time position and Officer Fred Hull moved into the part time position after accepting another full time position elsewhere. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Newaygo and Oceana County Emergency Preparedness coordinators have been valuable in keeping the department supplied with masks and gloves. Three zoning permits were issued in May. He believes when the State of Michigan enters the next phase of re-opening up, he will be able to start enforcing the junk and disabled vehicles ordinance and the mowing of grass.

DPW Report: No Report

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt the 2020 millage rate of 14.1775

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker

Nays:

Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to set entry level wages for the Department of Public Works; minimum wage for seasonal, \$12.00 per hour for part time and \$15.00 per hour for full time

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker

Nays:

Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to set the full time police officer's wages at \$19.00 per hour for the first year and increase \$1.00 per hour to \$20.00 per hour for the start of the second year and to set the part time police officers wages at \$16.50 per hour
Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker
Nays:
Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to raise Officer Andrew Polasek's wage to \$19.00 per hour retroactive to May 11, 2020
Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker
Nays:
Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to pay Officer Fred Hull \$1.00 per hour for the hours worked from May 28, 2019 to December 9, 2019
Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker
Nays:
Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Walker **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to increase the Zoning Administrator's pay by \$3,000 to be a total of \$5,000 annually
Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker
Nays:
Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to increase the cleaning personnel's wage from \$11.00 per hour to \$11.50 per hour
Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker
Nays:
Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to leave Emmaline Woodward as a part time DPW employee at \$14.00 per hour
Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker
Nays:
Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Walker **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to pay the Police Department and DPW personnel a \$2.00 per hour COVID-19 hazard pay from April 1st, 2020 to June 15th, 2020
Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker
Nays:
Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to allow Chief Herremans to pursue hiring of a second full time officer for the police department
Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker
Nays:
Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

Agenda item e. The Right Place Jill May gave a presentation on The Right Place and asked for a contribution to help continue to fund the program in our area. She said that the Fremont Area Foundation currently had a matching grant. Pro-Tem McDonald asked if it was an annual contribution, if it could be stopped at any time. Jill May said that yes, we had the option to cancel at any time. McDonald thanked her for her time and her presentation and would send this to the Grant, Fundraising and Chamber Inter-Act Committee for their recommendation.

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

Motion to accept the Dams, Parks, Civic and Recreation Committee's recommendation to accept a proposal from Mike Rosema Masonry for up to \$7,000.00 for spillway reinforcement at the dam.

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker

Nays:

Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

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

Motion to accept the Technology & Website Committee's recommendation to accept IT Right's proposal to update the current server and to replace the clerk's computer in the amount of \$5,740.00

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker

Nays:

Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

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

Motion to allow the Hesperia Police Department to purchase two In Car Camera Systems including installation in the amount of \$11,000.00

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker

Nays:

Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

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

Motion to allow the Hesperia Police Department to purchase two service weapons, two holsters and two gun lights in the amount of \$1,400.00

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker

Nays:

Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

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

Motion to allow the Hesperia Police Department to enter into a five year contract to purchase 3 tasers with equipment in the amount of \$5,500.00

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith

Nays: Walker

Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

Public Comment:

Debra Pagan asked if there was any news on the dispensary next door. Pro Tem McDonald replied that the ordinance was passed last month and it would take effective 10 days after the publication in the paper. Debra Pagan mentioned since we were updating our computer equipment, if we had thought about the option of paying bills online because the mail service was unreliable. Tammy Nyugen also commented about the online payment. Trustee Walker asked them to clarify if it would be automatic and Debra Pagan stated it would be like a reoccurring payment. McDonald said the village would take it into consideration.

Miscellaneous: McDonald announced that the village offices would tentatively re-open on Monday, June 15, 2020 once safety shields were installed.

Motion by Walker **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Mike Farber, Mike Maynard

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk

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