
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
September 14, 2020
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 and a quorum was present.

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

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Chief Herremans, Mike Stanaway and Darrell Patton.

Set/Amend the Agenda:

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

Motion to amend the agenda to move sidewalks from new business to unfinished business

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber

Nays:

Absent: Maynard, Walker

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the council workshop held on August 6, 2020

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Maynard, Walker

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

Motion to approve the minutes of regular council meeting held on August 10, 2020

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Maynard, Walker

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

Motion to approve payment of invoices for the month of August 2020 in the amount of \$37,538.57

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Maynard, Walker

Announcements/Correspondence:

McDonald received a call from Shari Powell inquiring if we were hiring for a city manager. She was told not at this time but would keep her information on file. Herin received a call from Scott Rumsey regarding the NCATS Fiber Project. He explained that the only money that the village would be responsible for would be \$1,000 for the feasibility study. All other funds would be paid out by another organization.

Committee Reports:

Ambulance:

Buildings and Grounds:

Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation: Slocum said that they came up with a permit for special events and revised the Peddler Permit. They propose a fee of \$50.00 for the first day and \$20.00 for each consecutive day or an annual fee of \$175.00 for Special Events. For the Peddler Permit, they would like to charge \$50.00 for the first day and \$20.00 for each consecutive day.

Finance, Budget & Insurance:

Grants, Fund Raising, Chamber-Interact:

Ordinance

Personnel: Chairperson McDonald reported that they had an interview with Mike Stanaway on August 25, 2020. The committee's recommendation is to hire him as D.P.W. Director.

Streets and Sidewalks:

Technology: The committee met via Zoom with Julie Burrell regarding the NCATS Fiber Project. There seems to be a miscommunication in the information they received than what Herin received from Scott Rumsey. Slocum will go back to them and get additional information.

Water & Sewer:

Police and Zoning: Chief Herremans reported that there were 4 zoning requests, 17 ordinance investigation/warnings, 69 complaints, 110 traffic contacts, 3 traffic accidents and 7 arrests. The Watch Guard camera system has been installed in the patrol cars and is working with technical support to get them operational. He reported that the Village of Hesperia has been accepted into the West Michigan Training Consortium and will look into getting training for his officers. He spoke with the Superintendent of Hesperia Schools regarding assistance with the pick up/drop off procedure at the elementary school. They had a couple of meetings and believe there is a plan going forward.

DPW Report: The new D.P.W. Director, Mike Stanaway gave a brief report. He thanked President Farber for putting everything in place prior to his arrival as it made his job much easier. Repairs are under way. The department is working on replacing water meters. They have reached out to the homes that have zero usage by trying to contact residents and putting notes on the doors. Zero usage cannot be tolerated as it directly affects the village's income. He is very pleased with the crew that was assembled. He said that he could not have hand picked a better one. They all work well together. The department will start to prepare for winter. There was vandalism in Vida Weaver Park with the portable toilet and in Webster Park where a park bench was broken.

Motion by Farber Seconded by Smith

Motion to repair sidewalk in front of the village hall and the bank.

After much discussion President Farber rescinded his motion and sent it back to the committee.

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to give Christopher Stapel a bonus of \$600.00 for going above and beyond his duties as a seasonal worker.

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber

Nays:

Absent: Maynard, Walker

Motion by Farber Seconded by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to pay Louis Herremans and Andrew Polasek a hazard premium pay totaling \$431.00

Discussion: Chief Herremans explained that he would receive the money back in a grant that he applied for but the monies had to be spent prior to receiving.

Yeas: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber

Nays:

Absent: Maynard, Walker

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

Motion to bid on a used plow truck up to \$40,000 from the City of Montague

Discussion: Will have mechanic and DPW Director look at truck prior to bidding.

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Maynard, Walker

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

Motion to renew the motion to opt in to the Newaygo County Hazard Management Plan

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Maynard, Walker

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald (motion FAILED)

Motion to accept permits as presented

All In Favor: None

All Opposed: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber

Absent: Maynard, Walker

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

Motion to accept the special event permit application as presented

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Maynard, Walker

Public Comment:

Miscellaneous: McDonald said that she would like to send flowers and a card to past council member, Spike Raymond to the convalescent home that he is recovering in after an automobile accident.

President Farber said that he received a quote from Gelder & Sons to replace the rings and rod bearing on the Mihranda tractor in the amount of \$1,200.00. He will let them know to proceed with repairs.

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

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Maynard, Walker

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk

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