
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
October 12, 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, Sara Walker, Mike Farber
Members Absent: Mike Maynard

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Chief Herremans and Mike Stanaway

Set/the Agenda:

Motion by Walker **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to set the agenda as presented
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Maynard

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Walker (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve the minutes of the council work session held on September 10, 2020
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Maynard

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Walker (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve the minutes of regular council meeting held on September 14, 2020
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Maynard

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve the minutes of special council meeting held on September 28, 2020
Discussion: McDonald pointed out that describer should be described.
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Maynard

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for the month of September in the amount of \$52,682.79
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Maynard

Announcements/Correspondence: President Farber said due to the Governor’s Executive orders being overturned, the M.D.H.H.S. is enforcing the mask order. He also mentioned that we are following Newaygo and Oceana counties COVID-19 Preparedness plans.

Committee Reports:

Ambulance:

Buildings and Grounds:

Dams, Parks, Civic & Recreation:

Finance, Budget & Insurance:

Grants, Fund Raising, Chamber-Interact:

Marihuana: Herin mentioned that the village has received a letter of intent from DC Consulting regarding putting a Medical Marihuana Facility at 9 E. Michigan Avenue. He said they are currently working with an architect to draw up plans for the building. Also mentioned that they will be bringing in fast speed internet into Hesperia and will allow residents to be able to hook up to it.

Ordinance:

Personnel:

Streets and Sidewalks: Herin said he would talk about the sidewalks under unfinished business.

Technology: Slocum said she reached out and received some clarification of the EDA Fiber Project. The village would have to pay \$1,000 for the feasibility study and yes the village would be responsible for 20% of the project which would be around \$118,000. She also mentioned that the time line to enter has already passed. Walker mentioned that she would not be attending the zoom conference on October 13, 2020 due to the Governor's Executive Order being overturned.

Police and Zoning: Chief Herremans reported that complaints are down for September. There was 1 zoning request, 8 ordinance investigation/warnings, 35 complaints, 85 traffic contacts, 1 traffic accident and 4 arrests. The Watch Guard camera system is installed and working well. They are working on getting the data downloaded. The new modems for the cruisers arrived and are being installed soon. Officer Vanderwall is currently in training and has been able to take a few complaints and handle some traffic stops. The Chief is thinking that he should be able to be on his own by the end of the month. The Police Department has received the grant money for the wage reimbursement.

DPW Report: D.P.W. Director, Mike Stanaway gave the pumpage report and sampling reports for September. He said the paperwork listing him as Operator in Charge has been filed. He reported that there were repairs made to the backhoe including replacing stabilizer cylinder, hydraulic hoses and replacing the fuel injector. He stated that there will be some upcoming repairs to various equipment in the near future. He said that they are still working on repairing meters that are not working properly. He said that they will be discharging at the sewer site the last two weeks of the month to keep the levels of the ponds low for the winter.

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by McDonald

Motion to accept the proposals from Kevin Roberson & Sons to repair the curbing in front of the bank and repair the sidewalk in front of the village hall in the amount of \$10,650.00.

Discussion: Walker inquired about the 24 feet marked on the proposal in front of the bank. Herin explained that it would go up to the existing 5 feet of existing sidewalk in front of the bank. He said that it would be A.D.A. compliant.

Ayes: Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker, Farber

Nays:

Absent: Maynard

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Herin

Motion to set Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours on October 31st, 2020 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Discussion: Herin commented that it would be up to the individual residents to participate or not and to practice social distancing.

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Maynard

Public Comment:

Miscellaneous: Smith said that he was approached by a resident on Michigan Avenue about moving a speed limit sign that end up being in the middle of a driveway that he will be installing. Suggested that the sign be moved down by Cook Street. President Farber said that he would work on getting the sign moved and possibly putting in two speed limits signs. McDonald talked about seeing if we could get access to an electronic speed sign. Walker said getting it for a set amount of time. Chief Herremans said that you cannot write a ticket off of a sign. An electronic speed sign would be in the range of \$5,000. One that would attach to a sign would be more cost effective. McDonald said that her and President Farber met with the Denver Township Supervisor regarding the Rental Agreement for the Village Hall. It should be finalized and signed in the next few weeks.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Maynard

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk