
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
June 14, 2021
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: Stephanie Halverson, Dan Herin, Joyce McDonald, Jackie Slocum, Jim Smith, Sara Walker, Mike Farber

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Chief Herremans, Mike Stanaway, Brad Smith, Chuck Yob, Julie Burrell, Jody Nichols, Debra Pagan, Tammie Nguyen, Scott Carter and others not mentioned.

Set/Amend the Agenda:

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to set the agenda as presented
ALL IN FAVOR

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only: Julie Burrell and Jody Nichols from The Right Place spoke on the Kayak landing and Jody Nichols also spoke about the Brownfield Authority. Scott Carter said he was there on behalf of the Kayak Landing Project to show his support for the Kolbe Fund with the Oceana County Area Foundation.

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve the minutes of the work session held on May 6, 2021
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on May 10, 2021
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve payment of invoices for the month of May 2021 in the amount of \$53,099.11
Discussion: Walker inquired why the invoices were higher than usual. McDonald said that she could get her some examples and Walker thanked her.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence: President Farber said that he was in touch with Ryan Coffey regarding the 5 Year Master Plan. He said that he has the forms and will start working on getting them filled out. President Farber mentioned that he would like to have no engine breaking on Maple Island. He also mentioned that he would like to have a four way stop sign put in at Hawley Street and Munn Street.

Committee Reports:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment: Herin reported that there had been no bids yet for the office remodel but at least one person was interested.

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that a committee meeting was held on June 10, 2021 regarding benefits. More information to come at a later time.

Marihuana:

Ordinance:

Parks: Slocum mentioned the Kayak Landing Project and would discuss it under new business.

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam: Herin reported that the sidewalks have been completed.

Technology & Grants: Walker mentioned that they are continuing to work with NCATS regarding bringing service to downtown.

Water & Sewer

Police and Zoning: Chief Herremans reported that there were 56 complaints, 122 traffic contacts, 3 traffic accidents and 9 arrests for the month of May. He reported that Officer Polasek has taken a full time position with the Newaygo County Sheriff's office and will continue to work for us part time. His last day would be June 23, 2021. Newaygo County Sherriff's Office said that they would pay for ½ of Officer's Polasek's bulletproof vest. An exterior vest cover was ordered and they would pay for that as well. The chief reported that he is in the process of ordering printers and stop sticks for use in the patrol cars. He reported that there has been a connection error in the SUV between the internet and modem. All systems are working fine. He issued 1 peddler permit and had 5 zoning ordinance violations. Two of these were for Junk/Disabled vehicles. He has spoken to several residents about overgrown grass and some of the lawns were mowed. There have been a few complaints at Hesperia Schools regarding vape products and marijuana. Principle Brian Mey has replaced Vaughn White as Superintendent.

DPW Report: D.P.W. Director, Mike Stanaway reported on water distribution. Completed 6 Miss Digs. A sample from the W.W.T.F. was taken on May 28th and there was one violation of ammonia exceedance. Had a good month and finished some projects. Making great progress on the parks and the swimming hole. He reported that brush pickup was completed in 5 hours with the wood chipper. He reported that he is working with both Newaygo and Oceana County drain commissioners to update the storm drain ordinance. He reported that there was a lift station failure in May. Testing was done and results were clear. Will be setting up regular schedule maintenance to avoid future issues. Well # 1 and Well #2 was out of sync and Missions reported low water. Looking into updating the way that it is reported with new technology and or phone. The DPW team has been working at W.W.T. F. every Monday and they have seen major improvements at the site. He reported that two of his crew members would be leaving in August and would like to start the hiring process.

Motion by Walker **Seconded** by Herin

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt the Truth In Taxation millage rate of 14.0853

ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Halverson

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-06 to join the Oceana County Brownfield Authority

Discussion: Walker asked about under section, Now Therefore Be It Resolved, should be changed to the Oceana County boundaries.

ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to adopt the Resolution from Huntington Bank to open and maintain bank accounts showing Village Treasurer, Village Clerk and Finance Chairperson, Joyce McDonald as authorized signatories and any two of the three signatures are required to make changes or to access monies from these accounts.
Discussion: Herin said that he would like positions listed, not names.
Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays: Walker

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-08 Exemption of Public Act #152
Discussion: Walker asked if this was our request or if it is a requirement. McDonald explained that the village had to choose from three options: \$7,000 annually, 80% 20% or Exemption. Slocum said we had to choose from one of the three. Walker said she would like to see a cost analysis and McDonald said she would provide it.
Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays: Walker

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to pay full time, part time and seasonal employees 1 ½ times wages for July 3rd over regular scheduled shift and to pay double time wages for all hours worked on the July 4th.
Discussion: Herin asked why would the wages would be different than listed in the Employee Handbook. McDonald said the Hesperia Fun Fest has always been treated as a special holiday and wages are different. The Fourth of July holiday for full time employees is observed on Monday, July 5th.
Yeas: Halverson, McDonald, Smith, Farber
Nays: Herin, Slocum, Walker

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Herin **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to allow Chief Herremans to hire a second full time officer for the police department.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Herin **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to have the Village Treasurer place delinquent water/sewer bills on the summer 2021 property taxes bills as presented totaling \$8,734.44.
Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays: Walker

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Walker **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to accept the Kayak Landing project as presented to council
Discussion: Herin asked who would fund the initial permit. The village would and would be reimbursed. McDonald inquired who would be doing the work. Walker said that the Village Council members would. Slocum said this would probably be at no cost to the village.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to have the Village Clerk clear the balances on the listed accounts in the total amount of \$11,762.10. See attached.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Walker

(motion CARRIED)

Motion for the Council to discuss Debra Pagan's request.

Discussion: McDonald asked what the committee's recommendation was. Slocum said that the committee met and wanted the council to make a recommendation. McDonald that she recommended giving a credit on the account and not reimbursement and it is nonrefundable. Pagan said she was good with receiving a credit.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin to reimburse Debra Pagan 50% of the payments made by her for the property at 11 N. State.

Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Smith, Farber

Nays: Slocum, Walker

Public Comment:

Debra Pagan inquired if the Brownfield Authority was only for Oceana County. It was explained that Newaygo County already has one in place. Chuck Yob made an announcement on the Medical Marihuana Facility and said that there should be some progress by September. Tammie Nguyen asked if something can be done about the house on the corner of State and Weaver. There is lots of trash in the yard.

Miscellaneous: McDonald asked the Parks Committee to look into the following items: A dog park, a pavilion in Vida Weaver park and possibly some new playground equipment in Weaver Park. Also, mentioned trash can lids being damaged and what can be done about it. Herin asked about the Dam Inspections. Mike Stanaway said they have everything in place that has been required to be fixed and should pass the inspection.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk