
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
July 12, 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, Mike Farber
Members Absent: Sara Walker (Pre-excused)

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Chief Herremans, Mike Stanaway, Chuck Yob

Set the Agenda:

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

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Halverson (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on June 14, 2021
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Walker

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 14, 2021
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Walker

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for June 2021 in the amount of \$39,018.04
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Walker

Announcements/Correspondence: McDonald said she was contacted by B.H.S. Insurance about wanting to provide a quote to the village. She will get a committee meeting set up. Slocum said she was contacted by a parent regarding an incident at the Mobil station. Slocum said that she invited the parent to the meeting, and since she did not attend, brought the matter to the council’s attention. The police chief spoke regarding the matter and said the Mobil station is looking into it. President Farber thanked Boy Scout Troop #1133 and Scout Leader Randy Ackley for their help cleaning up after the festivities. He thanked the police department and DPW as well for all of their hard work.

Committee Reports:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment: Herin spoke about the bids that were received for the office reconfiguration. He said that he would abstain from voting due to close relationships with both companies. He said that M. Seng Enterprises did not have a crew and that Smith Builders did.

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance):

Marihuana:

Ordinance:

Parks: Slocum reported that the location of the Kayak Landing Project has changed and has been moved from the island to the old boat launch location just north of the island off of Maple Island Road. Slocum mentioned that Councilperson Walker floated the river last month and the proposed location on the island was difficult to get out off.

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Technology & Grants:

Water & Sewer

Police and Zoning: Chief Herremans reported that there were 47 complaints, 83 traffic contacts, 1 traffic accident and 14 arrests for the month of June. He had 1 zoning request and issued 5 zoning ordinance violations. He reported that Officer Vanderwall has completed the Cops in Court training. He ordered printers and stop sticks for the police vehicles and they will be installed in July. He has scheduled the modem connection to the vehicle to be repaired soon. There were three cases for juvenile court for Hesperia Schools in June.

DPW Report: D.P.W. Director, Mike Stanaway reported on water distribution. Completed 9 Miss Digs. He reported that the 4th of July festivities went well and thanked the police chief for his help. Discharge from the W.W.T.F. has halted for the summer and will resume in September. He has filed the application for the discharge permit. The Consumer Confidence Report was released in June. The electrical issues at the Sewer Lift station and Wells #1 & #2 have been resolved. Installed new 2” meters at 120 and 140 Town Place. There is a pending repair of a service line on Maple Street near State and Maple. Will investigate some addresses with low water pressure. Would like to purchase a new locator.

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Herin

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Resolution #2021-09 amending the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget to pay the invoice for fireworks.

Discussion: Herin asked about this previously being voted on. Farber explained that the previous vote was to have the village make a one time payment and this Resolution is to amend the budget so the invoice can be paid.

Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Smith, Farber

Nays: Slocum

Absent: Walker

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Smith

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Resolution #2021-10 to adopt the Newaygo County Hazard Management Plan.

Discussion: Herin inquired about past incidents that had happened in Hesperia or Newaygo County. Smith mentioned that this would only help the village in case of an incident and would not do any harm by joining.

Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber

Nays:

Absent: Walker

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

Motion to adopt the Resolution #2021-11 for payment to the Right Place for \$1,000.00

Discussion: Herin mentioned that he thought we did this last year. It was presented last year but the council declined to participate due to COVID-19. Slocum said that she has worked with Julie Burrell and that she does quite a bit for the Village.

Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber

Nays: McDonald

Absent: Walker

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

Motion to accept the revised Employee Handbook with changes

Discussion: Personnel chair McDonald discussed the additional changes to the handbook including the Health Insurance, Life Insurance and Retirement sections and Section #105 Employment Policy that did not get changed in the draft presented. She thanked everyone for all of the hard work that went in to the changes. The council thanked her as well.

Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber

Nays:

Absent: Walker

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

Motion to accept the office reconfiguration quote from Smith Construction Group in the amount of \$10,000.00

Discussion: Herin stated that there should not be any interruption to the office as the work can be completed in the evenings and weekends. Slocum said that there was no breakdown on the quote and Herin said that it was quoted to the specifications presented to the builder. Smith mentioned that the Building and Grounds Committee will oversee the work and make sure it is done to our specifications and any previous jobs completed should not have an effect on this bid.

Yeas: McDonald, Smith

Nays: Halverson, Slocum, Farber

Abstain: Herin

Absent: Walker

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

Motion to accept the office reconfiguration quote from M. Seng Enterprises in the amount of \$11,375.00.

Yeas: Halverson, Slocum, Farber

Nays: McDonald, Smith

Abstain: Herin

Absent: Walker

Public Comment: DPW Director Mike Stanaway urged the council to spread the word regarding the upcoming DPW vacancies.

Miscellaneous: Chief Herremans mentioned that he had an interview scheduled for the full time position on July 14, 2021. McDonald and Slocum mentioned that they would like to have new carpet and fresh paint in the council room and to have new tables and chairs. President Farber said a committee meeting should be called. Herin inquired about striping of the streets and would like to call a committee meeting.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Walker

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk