
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
September 13, 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, Chuck Yob

Set the Agenda:

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

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Halverson (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 9, 2021
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Walker **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on August 20, 2021
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Walker (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of August 2021 invoices in the amount of \$34,846.50
Discussion: Herin asked who Trace was and why there were multiple invoices. Trace Labs does our sewer and water testing and quarterly PFAS and Soil Samples were performed along with some annual testing.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence: Walker mentioned that she received a call from a resident named Jared. He inquired when the ordinances would be enforced. Slocum said she received a call as well. They told him to attend a council meeting. Said he was very passionate about getting the village cleaned up.

Committee Reports:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that a Finance/Personnel Committee meeting was held on August 12, 2021 about reviews for Kevin Schmieding and Mike Stanaway. Said that they are both doing great jobs and things are moving forward. McDonald said there was a Finance/Personnel committee meeting held on September 9, 2021 to review monthly invoices and meeting with insurance agent. Chris Arendshorst from BHS Insurance is going to give us a quote for liability insurance.

Marihuana:

Ordinance: Walker reported that a committee meeting was held on August 23, 2021 regarding the Special Events Ordinance and discussed changes the Special Event Permit from \$150.00 refundable deposit to a \$50.00 deposit.

Parks:

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Technology & Grants:

Water & Sewer:

Police and Zoning: Chief Herremans reported that there were 49 complaints. He said the SRMS system was not working today and he did not have the accident and traffic contact amounts. He said that there were 9 arrests for the month of August. He reported that Officer Vanderwall received another Life Savings Award for his actions on August 8, 2021. He said that the Stop Stick training has been put on hold and hopefully there will be individual training in the near future. Two new part time officers, Jon Patterson & Jesuha Whitely will be sworn in on Wednesday. Jim Smith inquired what can be done about motorcycles that have not exhaust or straight pipes. Chief Herremans said that is hard to enforce but if it clear that no exhaust is present, a citation can be issued. Citation issued for Junk/Disabled vehicle.

DPW Report: D.P.W. Director, Mike Stanaway reported on water distribution. Completed 8 Miss Digs. A locator was purchased to make the Miss Digs more accurate. The discharging at the W.W.T.F. is going well. Have already discharged 4 million gallons for September and are in good shape to have everything ready for the winter months. He said that the gear box on the brush hog was replaced. Said that they are still waiting for the replacement of the PTO for the newer Kubota. The older Kubota needs new tires and is having a hard time finding the correct ones. The water main repair on Maple went better than expected and said that he has a good crew and they work well together. Still working on the low water pressure issue at 268 E. South. The home owner had the lines replaced and there is still no pressure. His department is putting a plan together to fix the water main. Reported that the results of PFAS came back at less than 2 PPT. Slocum asked if Well #3 could be brought back online. He explained that we needed an Approvable Annual Average. There were two results that would be thrown out due to a problem with the analytical company. We would need 4 good results before bringing Well #3 back online. Herin inquired where the Surge Suppressor building was. It is in Vida Weaver Park.

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald

MOTION RESCINDED

Motion to enter into a lease agreement with DC Consulting with changes.

DISCUSSION: Walker and Slocum inquired about the drawing. The smaller portion was the Village property. Herin mentioned that the agreement states recreational marihuana. He said that it should be removed from agreement because there is a moratorium on recreational marihuana in the village. Walker said that not to vote on it. Clerk Burrell said that the motion would need to be rescinded or voted upon. Smith said to remove it from the lease. Herin said that it bothers him that “Recreational” is listed in the lease. McDonald said that the motion said, with changes. Walker said that the company has not agreed to these changes that are being proposed. Slocum said that it does not make a difference if it is listed in the lease. This is only for the lease of the parking lot, not the actual license for the facility. After more discussion, President Farber rescinded his motion.

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to enter into a lease agreement between the Village of Hesperia and DC Consulting with the change of “with cause” regarding revoking lease.

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

Nays: Herin

Motion by Walker **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to adopt Village of Hesperia Ordinance #2021-4 Special Events Ordinance Chapter 97
Yeas: Halverson, Herin, Slocum, Walker, Farber
Nays: McDonald, Smith

Motion by Walker **Seconded** by McDonald (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the change to the Special Events Permit from a \$150.00 refundable deposit to a \$50.00 refundable deposit
Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker, Farber
Nays:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to publish for bids to repair the DPW building roof at 171 N. Elm formerly known at the old county building.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to change the intersection of Hawley and Munn to a four way stop.
Discussion: Walker asked why. Farber explained that it would slow traffic down. He said that the cars fly down this street and a lot of residents have inquired about this over the years. Farber spoke with Kelly Bolt from MDOT and said that they do not really like to do this, but if it was for public safety, then it would be allowed. It would not make any change to our Act 51 revenue. Herin mentioned that it is very difficult to cross over Hawley from Munn Street because the cars go so fast.
Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker, Farber
Nays:

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald (motion CARRIED)
Motion to hire two part time police officers
Discussion: Walker asked about why no notice was given previously. Farber responded that the department heads have the right to hire, but need council approval.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to have the DPW Director hire one seasonal or part time personnel
ALL IN FAVOR

Public Comment: Herin asked Chuck Yob a question about the marihuana facility. Chuck Yob said that the company would not argue over minor details and wants to have a great relationship with the village. Chief Herremans had a question when the new ordinance goes into effect. It will be effective 10 days after it is published. Chief Herremans said that Hesperia Schools have asked for a permit for the Homecoming Parade on October 1, 2021. Does the fee apply to them? Yes it does. Walker thought that we had a parade permit. Chief Herremans also asked about if the part time officers decided to be become full time, was a full interview required. McDonald said that yes it would be required.

Miscellaneous:

Slocum inquired about the status of no Jake Brakes on M-20 and M-120. President Farber said that he had not heard back from his contact in Grand Rapids and would follow up with Lansing for an answer.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum
Motion to adjourn
ALL IN FAVOR

(motion CARRIED)

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk