
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
November 8, 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, Jim Smith, Sara Walker, Mike Farber
Members Absent: Jackie Slocum

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Chief Herremans, Mike Stanaway, Mike Seng

Set/Amend the Agenda:

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to amend the agenda to include item D. Zoning Variance
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Slocum

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by Walker **Seconded** by Halverson (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 13, 2021
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Slocum

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve invoices for September 2021 and invoices for October 2021 in the amount of \$81,611.08.
Discussion: McDonald explained that they would not be paying the invoice for Positive Promotions in the amount of \$139.76 because a credit will be issued because package did not arrive in time. McDonald inquired if an address could be added to future Etna Supply invoices. Walker inquired why the invoices were so much higher. Clerk Burrell explained that there was an invoice for H & S Companies for \$12,000 and two invoices for Hydro Corp in the amount of \$ 9,600.00.
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Slocum

Announcements/Correspondence: Corinna Hervey from H & S Companies reported the audit findings for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 to the council. She took about 20 minutes and explained different sections of the audit. She said that the Village of Hesperia has a clean audit and they did not discover any issues. She asked if there were any questions. No one had any. She also recommended to the council to set up a committee for ARPA to handle those funds because it is difficult. She said that she can meet with the council and can offer some of the resources that she has.

Committee Reports:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment: Herin reported that the Hesperia Beautification Committee spoke with him about some damages to the entrance signs on the south end of town as well as the Bell Tower on Division Street that are in need of repair. A discussion was had about whose responsibility it would be to repair them and who originally had paid for them. McDonald mentioned that she would like to reach out to the Chamber of Commerce and to Denver and Newfield Townships to see if the cost could be split since all organizations benefit from them. Herin would like to get the work scheduled for the spring. If anyone could recommend a contractor, he would appreciate it. It is very difficult to get someone to return his calls. Herin said that the carpet in the main office should extend to the new door that was built and the side office could use new carpet as well. McDonald mentioned that the council room could use new carpet too. Herin would like to schedule a combination meeting for the Buildings and Grounds and Streets and Sidewalks to discuss flooring options and repair to the signs.

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that Self Evaluations had been passed out to the department heads and would like to have a Personnel Committee meeting around November 23rd.

Marihuana:

Ordinance:

Parks:

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Technology & Grants:

Water & Sewer:

Police and Zoning: Chief Herremans gave his report for September and October. There were 99 complaints, 92 traffic contacts, 1 traffic accident and 8 arrests. He reported that there were issues with the VPN and Firewall and that IT Right is looking into getting it repaired. There is a temporary fix with a net motion on one of the computers in the department. SRMS is being replaced with Central Square and all reports need to be in new system prior to December, 2021. There were 2 zoning permit requests and there are 13 ordinance violation investigations open. A warrant was issued for an ordinance violation but the person cannot be lodged on the warrant due to COVID. Another ordinance violation will go to the attorney in November for issuance of a warrant. New officers, Jon Patterson and Jesuha Whitely have started their training. Officer Patterson could possibly be on his own in November due to him being familiar with the RMS system and knowing the area from being a dispatcher. After completing his report, Chief Herremans stated that he was resigning as police chief and he handed President Farber his resignation letter. He stated that his resignation would be effective on December 5, 2021.

DPW Report: D.P.W. Director, Mike Stanaway reported on water distribution. His report was for September and October. Completed 13 Miss Digs and 1 emergency Miss Dig. New service was installed for the Hesperia Auto Part Store, Hesperia Sunoco and 268 E. South Street. He reported that there is low water pressure at 68 N. Cook and at 23 S. Elm. The water tower and water system was flushed in October. The snow equipment is ready and the bathrooms and apartment have been winterized. The summer equipment has been cleaned and stored. The W.W.T.F. has been pumped down for the winter. He passed out photos of the W.W.T. F. showing sludge in the finishing pond. He estimates there is about five feet of sludge in that pond. Walker asked what the solution was. Stanaway said that it will have to be removed by a licensed contractor. Said that he has contacted Trace to do PFAS testing that is now required by the state. If PFAS is found, it will be more costly to remove the sludge. He will do some research over the winter and have a plan in place for next year. President Farber said that the water studies were approximately 10 years old and he had been contacted by Fleis & Vanderbrink to get them updated. There are billions of dollars available in grants that were recently signed into law and the Water and Sewer committee is looking into the steps to apply for them.

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

Motion to accept the bid from Empire Roofing for the liquid membrane roof in the amount of \$17,845.00

Discussion: Herin explained that he recommended using Empire because they went on the actual roof to give the quote. He mentioned that we would have to remove the unused chimney prior to the work being completed.

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Slocum

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

Motion to adopt the Resolution for budget amendments for insurance

Discussion: Walker asked why there was so many different GL #'s Herin inquired as well. Clerk Burrell explained that different GL #'s and said that is departments that the invoices are paid out of.

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Slocum

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

Motion to accept the lease between NC RESA and the Village of Hesperia

Discussion: Walker explained that this will allow NC RESA to continue to give better service to the village.

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Slocum

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

Motion to approve a zoning variance for Jared Reas for a deck

Discussion: Chief Herremans explained that Church Street had a 99 foot easement instead of the normal 66 foot easement. The houses on the rest of street are set back at the 66 foot easement. The ordinance states that there needs to be a 40 foot set back and the deck that is being proposed would be 7 foot short of the easement and they were asking for 10 feet variance. McDonald voted no because she thought that the set back footage should have been listed in the motion.

ALL IN FAVOR

Nays: McDonald

Absent: Slocum

Public Comment: Chief Herremans asked what was needed for the zoning permit to be approved for 204 Church. It was suggested that he put a note on the permit that says approved by village council. Mike Seng said that he was sorry to see that Chief Herremans was leaving. Members of the council also said the same.

Miscellaneous:

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

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Slocum

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk

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