
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
December 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, Mike Farber
Sara Walker arrived at 7:50 PM

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Jonathon Vanderwall, Mike Stanaway, Terry Beardsley

Set the Agenda:

Motion by Herin **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 accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 15, 2021
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Walker

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve invoices for November 2021 in the amount of \$35,391.92.
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Walker

Announcements/Correspondence: President Farber spoke regarding establishing a committee to handle the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies. Slocum and Walker will be on the committee and Clerk Burrell will assist them. President Farber said that he would like to have a workshop sometime in early January regarding the four proposals that the village received from Fleis & Vandenbrink regarding the Wastewater Treatment Facility Evaluation, Water Reliability Study update, 2022 Local Bridge Program application and Records Scanning.

Committee Reports:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment: Herin reported that he looked for commercial carpet at several locations and noted that it was not an easy process. Terry’s Flooring is local and the least expensive of the locations he checked. He said that he checked at Home Depot and Lowes and could not find staff to help him. He would like to have it installed on a Friday afternoon to reduce the time that the office is closed. All the furniture will have to be moved and would like to get some bids for painting the office at the same time. It would be \$30.00 per hour to have Terry’s Flooring move the furniture. Smith said that he saw an ad in the Hi-Lites for a painter and Mike Stanaway mentioned David Huntley.

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that an ad was placed in the Muskegon Chronicle for Police Chief. An ad for the police chief and full time police officer was also placed in the Oceana Herald Journal, Times Indicator and on the MI Talent and MColes websites. An ad for a DPW seasonal/part time/full time was placed in the Oceana Herald Journal, Times Indicator, MI Talent and M.W.E.A. websites. President Farber said that he had the full time DPW position listed just in case we did not get any responses.

Marihuana:

Ordinance:

Parks:

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Technology & Grants:

Water & Sewer:

Police and Zoning: Jonathon Vanderwall gave a brief report regarding the recent activity at the school regarding violent threats. He said that Hesperia Schools was put on a soft lockdown on December 8, 2021 because of the threat at Newaygo Schools. He was investigating a false threat that was made against a student on Friday, December 10, 2021. The council thanked him for working extra hours in absence of a police chief. He mentioned that Jon Patterson and Jeshua Whitely resigned as part time officers.

DPW Report: D.P.W. Director, Mike Stanaway reported on water distribution. Completed 6 Miss Digs. He stated that the monthly water sample for December was completed and it came back present for Coliform. He notified our EGLE representative right away and took additional samples and sent them to the lab. Those samples came back negative. Walker inquired what the next steps would be. Stanaway said that the positive sample is considered a false positive and nothing further needed to be done. He said that that he has a temporary plan in place with EGLE and is working with them to get a permanent plan on file. That plan needs to be approved by three separate people from EGLE and the health department. The salt box was installed on the Sterling Dump truck and the rest of the winter equipment is ready. A new bed was installed on the 2009 F-350. Pending equipment repairs include an air relief valve and realignment of plumbing for Well #2 and a new transducer and manifold for the water tower.

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Herin

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to accept the bid from Terry's Flooring in the amount of \$996.55 to replace the carpet/tile in the Treasurer/Clerk's offices.

Discussion: McDonald asked about removing the tile. Herin said that was included in the quote. It was brought up that the Village is tax exempt so the actual amount of the bid would be \$967.19 Herin said that he prefers to use Terry's Flooring because they are local and less expensive than others.

Walker said that she would have liked to have had the copy room included in the quote.

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

Nays: Walker

Absent:

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Halverson

(motion RESCINDED)

Motion to accept the bid from Terry's Flooring in the amount of \$2,214.49 to replace the carpet in the council room.

After much discussion, President Farber rescinded his motion and sent it back to the Building & Grounds committee for an additional quote to include the outside hallway, hallway to bathroom, storage rooms and the copy room.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to appoint Officer Jonathon Vanderwall as Officer in Charge

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to increase Officer Jonathon Vanderwall's wage by \$2.00 per hour retroactive to December 6, 2021
Discussion: McDonald said that the wage increase would remain in place until a new police chief is hired and at that time, Officer Vanderwall's wage would be re-evaluated.
Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker, Farber
Nays:
Absent:

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to instruct the village clerk to update the Code of Ordinances books with American Legal Publishing.
Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker, Farber
Nays:
Absent:

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Herin **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to adopt Resolution #2021-13 to amend FY 2021/2022 budget in the amount of \$17,845.00 for the roof at 171 N. Elm.
Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Walker, Farber
Nays:
Absent:

Public Comment:

Miscellaneous: President Farber excused Trustee Slocum's absence from the November 8, 2021 council meeting due to illness. Herin said that he would be out of town for the remainder of 2021. McDonald made an announcement that the office will be closed on Thursday, December 23rd and Thursday December 30th in observance of Christmas and New Year's. McDonald had a question about Beaver Tree Service being called for a tree that had fallen across Bush Alley on December 10th. It was explained that if the DPW had removed the tree from the road, the remaining portion would have fallen on the house on Michigan Avenue. A professional tree service was called to prevent damage to the home. Walker asked why we used Beaver Tree Service. President Farber said that we had used them previously to remove some trees from the parks. McDonald said that she did not want this to set precedence for all fallen trees in the village. President Farber said that this was an unusual circumstance and no precedence is being set. It was mentioned that a tree had fallen on the fence at the softball field. An insurance claim would be filed. Smith thanked the DPW for switching the truck bed on the white Ford.

Motion by Smith **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to adjourn
ALL IN FAVOR
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk

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