
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
March 14, 2022
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, Mike Stanaway, David Casey, Sharita Prowant, Faith Cram, Cathy Webster, Debra Pagan, Tammie Nguyen, Terry Beardsley, Jr., Jen Thomas

Set the Agenda:

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

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Halverson (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 14, 2022.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Walker (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Council Work Session held on February 24, 2022.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Walker (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for February 2022 in the amount of \$47,256.76.
Discussion: Herin inquired about the invoice for Wallace. Stated it was for painting the front office window. McDonald mentioned that IT Right is now called VC3.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence:

Farber reported that Fleis and Vandenbrink had contacted him regarding a potential grant for Water & Sewer. A committee meeting will be called. Smith and McDonald reported the passing of the former police chief, Dale Gibbs. A memorial service may be held at a later date.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A. Walker reported that a meeting was held on March 10, 2022 regarding reporting and where to spend funds. She had reached out to our auditors and was given a name of a company that could help us with reporting of the A.R.P.A. funds received. Spoke with Steve and he does have services available and the fee would be on a per hour basis. He cannot submit the reports but can help us get the reports ready for submittal. Recommendation to hire an outside agency to help with recording of ARPA Funds.

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment: Herin reported that he is still waiting on another quote for the bell tower and entrance signs. He has also mentioned that he would like to start working again on getting quotes to get the DPW building painted. Farber sent it to committee.

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that a committee meeting had been held on March 10, 2022 regarding invoices and wages for police chief and proposals from Newaygo and Oceana Counties. Discussion was to increase the police chief's starting wage to \$51,500 and to advertise in the Grand Rapid Press which included MLive and Indeed, MColes website, village website and the village board. Also, to give the Personnel Committee the right to negotiate with the Newaygo and Oceana County sheriff's offices to accept temporary contract not to exceed \$20,000.00. It will be discussed more under new business.

Marihuana:

Ordinance:

Parks:

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Technology & Grants: Walker reported that a committee meeting regarding the Public Gathering Initiative with a 20% Match. Will look at the funds available from the Fremont Area Foundation. A business proposal will need to be put together that will include replacing the boardwalk at the dam including two fish cleaning stations. The deadline is April 15. The project will need to be completed by 2024. The recommendation is to move forward with the Public Gathering Initiative grant including 20% grant funding and contacting local permit bodies. Will be brought up under new business.

Water & Sewer:

DPW Report: D.P.W. Director, Mike Stanaway reported on water distribution. There were 9 Miss Digs. Himself and Kevin Schmieding will be attending training on Wednesday regarding the new Miss Dig system. Well #3 came back online on February 16, 2022 with the approval of EGLE and help from Northern Well. It is now back in rotation will Well #1 and Well #2. There is no additional testing that needs to be done at this time for PFAS except quarterly testing. EGLE will re-access the testing schedule in the spring of next year. A metal roof is being installed on the bathroom in Weaver Park and the restrooms will open sometime in early April. A voluntary sampling for asbestos was taken and the results came back as a Non Detect.

Motion by Herin Seconded by Halverson

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to accept Resolution #2022-02 adopting the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year budget

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

Nays:

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Smith

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to pass Resolution #2022-03 approving the submittal of the application for the local bridge program funds for preventative maintenance of the Michigan Street Bridge over the White River.

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

Nays:

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to pass Resolution #2022-04 approving the submittal of the application for the local bridge program funds for preventative maintenance of the Division Street Bridge over the White River.

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

Nays:

Motion by Walker Seconded by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to move forward with applying for the Public Gathering Spaces Initiative grant.

ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to accept the proposals that were submitted from the Oceana and Newaygo County Sheriff's offices for temporary police services.

Discussion: Herin asked about 48 hours of services. Burrell said that a 2nd proposal was sent on Friday for 48 hours of service. McDonald said Oceana County was 48 hours, Newaygo said it was revised from 40 hours to 48 hours. Herin said that it comes out to an average hourly rate of 42 hours. Farber explained that Oceana County went by 52 weeks, 12 hours per day and it does not come out exactly but they will work four day shifts. Herin asked if they would split up what county did which shifts. Herin said that we do not want two cops for same shift. Farber explained the need to negotiate hours and coverage. Slocum said hours are negotiable after we accept the amounts. A meeting will be set up to discuss details.

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

Nays:

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Smith

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to opt out of the Household Hazardous Waste Program

Discussion: McDonald stated that this is an annual program that we opt out of every year. Herin inquired why and said it cannot be because of cost. Farber stated that most residents do not take advantage of this program.

ALL IN FAVOR

Public Comment:

Faith Cram, Sharita Prowant and Debra Pagan voiced their frustrations about not having police protection. They had questions about the contracts with the counties and the council answered them. It was explained that the salary range has been changes and the benefit package offered is comparable to other agencies. Tammie Nguyen inquired if the village had received a grant for bike racks in the past. The council responded by stating not to anyone's knowledge. David Casey inquired about the 20% match for the Public Gathering Spaces Initiative grant. Walker explained that it was a financial match and not a Not in Kind match. He said he would love to have a fish grinding station available. David Casey also made a statement about police coverage in Newaygo County and people would be surprised that there are only 2 officers per shift from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM and one Michigan State Police Officer. Cathy Webster inquired about the Fourth of July festival and was told that the Chamber of Commerce was proceeding with it at this time. She also inquired about who to contact about a dog in her yard and was told to call the County Animal Control office. Jen Thomas asked for more details about the dam boardwalk grant. Walker spoke more on the Public Gathering Spaces Initiative grant and said it mostly covered the boardwalk area and not the swimming hole but drawings would need to be created. Ms. Thomas also urged the council not to hire the first candidate that applied for the chief's position and commented that even though the proposals from the counties were not optimal, at least we will have some police coverage. Ms. Thomas also stated that she had been contacted by Hydro Corp and wanted to know if it was approved by the village. Stanaway explained what the program and said it was to inspect all homes and businesses for Cross Connections to prevent backflow into our water system. He stated that if her home need a valve, then that would be at her cost.

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk