
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
April 11, 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, Steve Styx, Tracy Sumner, Cathy Webster, Debra Pagan, Tammie Nguyen, Terry Beardsley, Jr., Jen Thomas and Melissa Hasty

Set the Agenda:

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

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by Walker **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on March 14, 2022.
ALL IN FAVOR

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

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for March 2022 in the amount of \$33,695.73.
Discussion: Herin inquired about the invoice for Oceana County Road Commission. President Farber explained it was for sand and salt.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence:

McDonald announced that there will be a Finance and Personnel Committee meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 1:00 PM for police chief interviews. Clerk Burrell announced the 2022 Spring Clean Up Day will only be on one day this year and is scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2022. Farber stated that there will be a work session on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 1:00 PM with EGLE to discuss the Lead and Copper Rule.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment: Herin reported that a Building & Grounds meeting was held and the recommendation is to place ads for the following bids: painting of DPW buildings, restrooms near dam, village hall council door and to repair rear of Village Hall including installing an awning, gutters and painting the back of building. Another meeting will be held to review bids received. He also reported that a group of local citizens are going to install a 50 foot flagpole to draw people into the downtown area. It will be discussed more under new business.

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that a committee meeting had been held on March 23, 2022 with the DPW director. Another meeting was held on April 5, 2022 with the DPW department to discuss hours, staffing structure, etc. McDonald said that everything will remain as is for now. She reported that our full time DPW employee's last day will be April 17, 2022. McDonald spoke briefly about changes in getting a CDL license. Another meeting was held on April 7, 2022 to approve invoices and wages. Recommending approval of invoices and a wage increase of 3% for cost of living allowance approved in the budget. More discussion will take place under new business.

Marihuana:

Ordinance:

Parks:

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam: Smith reported that a meeting was held to discuss paving of streets. The committee's recommendation is to approve the bid from API in the amount of \$226,664.00 to repair the following streets: Portion of Smith Street, Cook Street from M-20 to school street, wedge on Sunset, State Street from M-20 to Hawley, Oak Street from Hawley to Grove, Winter Street from Hawley to M-20, Kuhart Street from M1-20 to Cook Street, Cook Street from M-20 to Michigan, Greenback Street from M-20 to Michigan and a wedge on Lizzie, and to wedge additional sections of village roads not listed in the amount of \$23,336.00.

Technology & Grants:

Water & Sewer:

DPW Report: D.P.W. Director, Mike Stanaway reported on water distribution. There were 8 Miss Digs. Himself and Kevin Schmieding attended training on the Miss Dig Pelican system. Reported that the system is not hard to navigate and can use the drawing tool. The roof on the Weaver Park restroom was completed. Reported that there was vandalism in the bathrooms and repairs will have to be made prior to them being open to the public. The Missions reporting system is live and the new web site has more options and controls. He reported that the DPW is continuing clean up of the grounds and parks, and discharge has started at the W.W.T.F..

Motion by Walker Seconded by Herin

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to accept Resolution #2022-05 to decertify Cathryn Street

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

Nays:

Motion by Walker Seconded by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to accept Resolution #2022-06 to decertify a portion of Elm Street

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

Nays:

Motion by Herin Seconded by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to reappoint Vicki Burrell as Village Clerk for a two year term ending April 2024.

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

Nays:

Motion by Slocum Seconded by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to reappoint Peggy Miller as Village Treasurer for a two year term ending April 2024.

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

Nays:

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Herin

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to increase DPW Personnel, Office Personnel, Clerk and Treasurer's wages 3% cost of living as budgeted and to increase janitor's wages .\$.40 from \$11.60 to \$12.00.

ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to advertise to hire a full time/part time DPW employee.
Discussion: Walker inquired about the slash. McDonald and Slocum responded by saying it was either or depending on what applications were received for either full or part time.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Smith Seconded by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the proposal from Fleis & Vandenbrink in the amount of \$5,800.00 for a grant application.
Discussion: Walker inquired about the deadline. Farber replied that it was sometime in May.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Herin Seconded by Smith (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the proposal from Norberg Masonry in the amount of \$6,200.00 to fix the Fireman's bell tower and to repair two greeting signs.
Discussion: Herin explained the bid and what needed to be repaired. Slocum and Walker inquired about the metal piece listed on the proposal. McDonald stated that the shrubs and trees need to be removed prior to the work starting.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Herin Seconded by Smith (motion CARRIED)
Motion to get bids to make repairs to the rear of the village hall including gutters, installation of an awning and painting of building.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Herin Seconded by Smith (motion CARRIED)
Motion to get bids for painting of the two DPW buildings.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Herin Seconded by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to get bids for painting of the restrooms near the dam and the village hall entry door.
Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays: Walker

Motion by Walker Seconded by McDonald (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the bid for API in the amount of \$226,664.00 and \$23,336.00 in additional street repairs not to exceed \$250,000.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Herin Seconded by Halverson (motion CARRIED)
Motion to pay for the installation cost of a community flagpole and for two flags in the amount of \$1,500.00.
Discussion: A group of local citizens approached Herin regarding donating to a community flagpole. Herin reported that the total cost would be around \$10,000.00 and the group did not think they would have a problem collecting that amount. The Chamber of Commerce is sending letters to residents and businesses for donations. McDonald asked who was going to maintain the flag. It was discussed that it would possibly be sold to village and they would maintain it. Herin said a large stone would be put in the triangle area in front of the flag pole and a plaque may possibly be placed on the stone. The location of the flagpole would be on the northwest corner of

Division and Michigan near the Lion's Den. McDonald inquired if this was on village property and Farber replied that it was in the village's right of way. Herin stated that when the flag needed to be replaced, we could ask other organizations like the American Legion, Boy Scouts, etc. to participate.

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

Nays: McDonald

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to revisit the current Recreational Marihuana Ordinance

Discussion: President Farber stated that there have been a lot of inquiries regarding allowing recreational marihuana in the village. He said that if the ordinance is revisited, a public hearing will be held.

Yeas: Halverson, McDonald, Slocum, Walker, Farber

Nays: Herin, Smith

Public Comment: Jennifer Thomas inquired about the painting projects and asked if we had looked into community service projects. Dan explained that some of the projects were too big for volunteers. She also inquired about when the paving would start. President Farber replied that it will start after school is out for the summer. She asked about the status of the grant for the dam area and Walker stated that unfortunately, we would not be able to make the April 15th deadline. Debra Pagan asked who chose the streets that needed to be repaired. President Farber said that he did along with the Streets committee. An inquiry was made about where the police chief applicants were from. One lives in Newaygo and the other in Flushing. Mike Stanaway thanked the council for passing a lot of the motions this evening and that real change will be made this summer and the village is going in the right direction. McDonald thanked the DPW for all of their hard work. Tammie Nguyen suggested cameras be put in the parks to be a deterrent for vandalism. We are waiting for the WI Fi antenna to be installed before installing the cameras. Melissa Hasty had some inquiries regarding a past police employee. The council answered her questions to the best of our ability. Steven Styx inquired if the Fourth of July festival was scheduled. It was explained that is a Chamber of Commerce event but at this time, it was scheduled as far as the council knew. Cathy Webster had an ordinance question. She also suggested a way to broadcast community events via Remind 101 or a newsletter. Walker stated that this was brought up at the community assessment and will be something to explore further. Facebook was suggested making it, an informational only page. Steve Styx talked about the recreational marihuana hearing and suggested it be put on the election ballot instead of a public hearing. A public hearing will be held sometime in the next two months regarding revisiting the ordinance prohibiting recreational marihuana.

Miscellaneous:

President Farber announced that Trustee Sara Walker had turned in her resignation and it is effective on April 22, 2022. A notice will be posted for the vacant council seat. McDonald stated that the guidelines to get a CDL license have been changed by the federal government and it now requires a six week class. She stated that we have paid for the cost of classes in the past. A committee meeting will be held to discuss avenues on how to help employees get a license.

Motion by Smith **Seconded** by McDonald

(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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