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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 13, 2022  
7:30 PM

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**Call to Order:** Pro Tem Joyce McDonald 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, Cathy Webster  
Members Absent: Mike Farber

**Also present:** Clerk Burrell, Tracy Sumner, Debra Pagan, Tammie Nguyen, Terry Beardsley, Jr., Jen Thomas, Anna Dukes, Cammie Hussey, Stephen Hussey, Thomas Meoak, Jim Draper, Carrie Draper, Marshall Monroe, Jonathon Monroe, Jenn Way, Derek Way, Ben Kladder, Steve Styx and others not listed.

**Amend the Agenda:**

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to amend the agenda to remove Item E regarding Operator in Charge Water & Sewer from the agenda  
ALL IN FAVOR  
Absent: Farber

**Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:**

**Motion** by Smith **Seconded** by Halverson (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on May 9, 2022.  
ALL IN FAVOR  
Absent: Farber

**Motion** by Herin **Seconded** by Halverson (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 9, 2022.  
ALL IN FAVOR  
Absent: Farber

**Motion** by Halverson **Seconded** by Webster (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to accept the minutes of the Work Session held on June 2, 2022.  
ALL IN FAVOR  
Absent: Farber

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to approve payment of invoices for May 2022 in the amount of \$51,407.26.  
ALL IN FAVOR  
Absent: Farber

**Announcements/Correspondence:** Slocum mentioned that she had spoken with Northern Well regarding getting a permit from EGLE to start work on Well #2. A new permit was sent to us from Northern Well and it was signed and sent back in the mail earlier in the day. Pro Tem Joyce McDonald gave an update on the police department contract. She said that it was supposed to start on May 1<sup>st</sup> but the counties have put a hold on the contract because they are short staffed and cannot dedicate officers to the village. Both counties will continue to patrol within the village limits. Communication regarding a water leak on the corner of Sunset and Munn Street had been received from resident Derek Way. She addressed him and stated that the DPW would start shutting off curb stops one at a time to determine where the leak was coming from. They would begin digging until the leak was located and would have it repaired. McDonald stated that ordinance violations were out of hand and that the council is looking into an Ordinance Enforcement Officer. She also stated that violation letters would be sent out.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **A.R.P.A.**

**Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:** Herin reported that a meeting had been held and they have several recommendations regarding work on various buildings. It would be discussed under new business. He stated that some new areas had been identified when quotes were being prepared. A quote was presented to paint the rear of the village hall and to install an awning but the building needs work on the structure including gutters prior to accepting the bid. It was also stated that there should be some work done to the kitchen in Weaver Pavilion Park.

#### **Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance:**

#### **Marihuana:**

#### **Ordinance:**

**Parks:** Committee recommendation to move forward with a feasibility study to build a pavilion in Vida Weaver Park

#### **Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:**

#### **Technology & Grants:**

#### **Water & Sewer:**

### **Old Business**

Ben Cladder from Fleis & Vandenbrink spoke regarding the application for a MDOT Category B grant that they were applying for on behalf of the Village. He said that the grant was specifically for local roads and it would be a 50% match. Fleis & Vandenbrink had identified five local roads which are State, Smith, Michigan, Weaver and Hawley. This would be a direct grant application and construction would begin next spring if it is approved by MDOT. He answered questions from the audience.

#### **Motion by Herin Seconded by Slocum**

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to adopt Resolution #2022-11 MDOT Category B application

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

Nays:

Absent: Farber

#### **Motion by Herin Seconded by Halverson**

**(motion FAILED)**

Motion to adopt the 2022 millage rate of 13.8162

Discussion; McDonald stated that the millage increase would include \$6,499 in revenues that would go into the general fund.

Yeas: Herin

Nays: Halverson, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Webster

Absent: Farber

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** Webster

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to adopt Resolution #2022-12 approving the continuation of support for Redevelopment Ready Communities

Discussion: Halverson explained that we had met with Julia Turnbull from MEDC and by adopting this resolution, it will make it easier for us to get future grants.

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

Nays:

Absent: Farber

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to accept the Department of Public Works Employee Agreement for a CDL License

Discussion: The Personnel committee met and had a discussion regarding the changes in state and federal regulations on obtaining a CDL license. The cost for a two week training class would be around \$4,600.00. DPW employee Dustin Homfeld, has his permit for a Class B license, but the village would like him to get a Class A license. An agreement was written by the committee and reviewed by our legal counsel. It outlines that Dustin Homfeld would agree to work for the Village of Hesperia for five years and if he leaves for any reason, he will have to pay the village for the full amount of the cost of his license. The village will not pay for travel expenses or any other incidentals.

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

Nays:

Absent: Farber

**Motion** by Herin **Seconded** by NO SECOND TO MOTION

Motion not to accept the DPW director's pay request until employment contact has been looked over.

**Motion** by Smith **Seconded** by Slocum

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to accept the DPW director's pay request

Yeas: McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Webster

Nays: Halverson, Herin

Absent: Farber

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin

**(motion RESCINDED)**

Motion to move forward with getting feasibility study in Vida Weaver Park

Discussion: Slocum explained that a Parks committee was held and meet with Hesperia Beautification to open the doors of communication between them and the Village of Hesperia. Slocum commented that a letter of intent was filed with Oceana County to submit a grant application in the amount of \$50,000 to build a pavilion in Vida Weaver Park. The deadline for the grant is in July. The committee would like to use some funds available from the Fremont Area Foundation for the study and to use American Rescue Plan Act funds for the actual building of the pavilion. McDonald said that the motion should have had an amount in the actual motion. Slocum rescinded motion

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Halverson

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to move forward with getting a feasibility study in Vida Weaver Park not to exceed \$5,000.00

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

Nays:

Absent: Farber

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to pay all DPW employees 1 ½ times wages for July 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2022 and double time wages for July 4<sup>th</sup>

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

Nays:

Absent: Farber

**Motion** by Herin **Seconded** by Slocum

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to accept the bid from David Huntley for painting the front of the village hall in the amount of \$515.36

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Farber

**Motion** by Herin **Seconded** by Halverson

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to accept Proposal # 010068 from M. Seng Enterprise for painting of the 3 restroom doors at the dam in the amount of \$600.00

Discussion: Herin stated that this included stripping and sanding of doors and the color will be dark green.

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Farber

**Motion** by Herin **Seconded** by Smith

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to accept Proposal #010058 from M. Seng Enterprise to paint the buildings at 171 N. Elm and 149 W. Michigan in the amount of \$22,000.00

Discussion: Slocum asked what type of paint would be used and a discussion was had about what type of material the cracks would be repaired with.

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Farber

**Motion** by Herin **Seconded** by Slocum

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to accept Proposal #010070 from M. Seng Enterprise to replace the door on the east side of the village hall in the amount of \$1,515.00.

Discussion: Herin mentioned that this was one of the new areas of repair that were identified when other bids were being prepared.

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Farber

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to accept the Committee assignments as presented

Discussion: Halverson inquired about a Chamber Interact committee. It is currently not listed as one but when the new assignments are made after the November election, it can be re-added. The definition of the Dam committee is for the structure only. All other items surrounding dam will be considered Parks.

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Farber

**Public Comment:**

Derek Way commented on his ongoing leak in his yard on Munn Street. Stated that the council is hard to get in touch with and he would like to see better communication and transparency with the council. Jim Draper asked about the zoning enforcement officer application process. McDonald explained that the council was at the beginning stages of the process. Anna Dukes inquired about the Wi Fi in the parks and asked about the vandalism in the restrooms. Thomas Meoak voiced his opinion that he did not think it was correct that the village voted to pay the previous DPW Director his unused leave. He also asked about enforcing ordinances and was having problem with children driving ORV's up and down Munn Street and encouraged the council to put ordinance enforcement at the top of their list. Jen Thomas commented on the possible pavilion in Vida Weaver Park and suggested that improving the parking are should be considered as well. Thomas also inquired about the proposals for the DPW buildings and asked if there was a guarantee on the work and asked for an update on the community flagpole project.

Slocum said that under Michigan law, a company has to guarantee it's works for at least one year. Herin responded that a deposit was made in April with expectations that the pole would be installed in early July but does not have an update on when it would be installed. Cammie Hussey stated that she appreciated that a Zoning Enforcement officer was being looked into. She has a few properties by her that are in need of getting the yards cleaned up and grass mowed. Penny Brown asked about having a police presence and that there are people drag racing up and down Michigan Street. Thomas Meoak asked if the council has thought about combining our resources with surrounding municipalities regarding our Operator In Charge of Water and Sewer. Slocum explained that each municipality may have different license levels that are different than ours. Anna Dukes inquired if there was an update on the Marihuana Ordinance. McDonald responded that it has been sent to our legal counsel for a draft to be prepared.

**Miscellaneous:**

McDonald received a request for a small animal ordinance and turned it over to the Ordinance committee. Herin stated that the front of village hall is in need of repairs to one of the brick pillars on the eastern side. Halverson commented that she working on a Facebook page for the village.

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk

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