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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 11, 2022  
7:30 PM

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**Call to Order:** President Mike 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, Cathy Webster, Mike Farber

**Also present:** Clerk Burrell, Jenn Way, Derek Way, Holly McDonald, Kaity Knapp, Tracy Sumner, Mackenzie Pennington, Don Bostrom, Jane Bostrom, Debra Pagan, Tammie Nguyen, Anna Dukes, Larry Clark, David Huntley, Thomas Meoak and Joseph Fox.

**Set the Agenda:**

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

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

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Smith (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on June 13, 2022.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Motion** by Herin **Seconded** by Halverson (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 13, 2022.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to approve payment of invoices for June 2022 in the amount of \$44,090.45.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Announcements/Correspondence:** President Farber thanked the DPW for all of their hard work during the Hesperia Fun Fest. He touched base on 390 Munn Street and stated that he was in contact with EGLE representatives. The DPW would draw two samples to see the water quality and would take them to Trace for testing. He stated that this was a starting point and would continue to seek answers for the issues that Derek Way is having. President Farber noted that Larry Clark and Anna Dukes had requested to be on the agenda. President Farber said that a Council Workshop would be held prior to accepting any variances or special use permits. He stated that road paving should start sometime in the next two weeks. He reported that the F-250 pickup truck was removed from the W.W.T.F. pond in late June. The reason it took so long was that the pond had to be lowered slowly until the bumpers were showing on the vehicle. The insurance adjustor has a meeting schedule at the end of July to meet with Ford Motor Company.

**Committee Reports:**

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

**Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:** Herin reported that they met with a contractor regarding the Village Hall and further work that needed to be done so another meeting will be held.

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

**Marihuana:**

**Ordinance:**

**Parks:** Slocum reported that a committee meeting was held and the recommendations are to move forward with getting bids to build a pavilion in Vida Weaver Park and to get bids for playground equipment in Weaver Park. Slocum mentioned that she asked the community for suggestions on playground equipment and a splash pad was mentioned. She commented that a splash pad is currently not within our budget but it may be looked at in the future. Some of the recommendations for the new playground equipment are: two toddler structures, benches, sun shade, swings including a handicap accessible swing, tetherball and a seesaw among other items.

**Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:**

**Technology & Grants:** Halverson stated that the WI FI has been installed in Vida Weaver Park and also in Weaver Park.

**Water & Sewer:** Smith reported that a committee meeting was held regarding 162 S. State and said that Slocum had the details and asked her to give the report. Slocum stated that Daniel Ackerberg purchased 162 S. State and wanted a refund on the utility invoices that were placed on his tax bill in June of 2021 that belonged to the previous owner. The committee's recommendation is to pay Oceana County Treasurer for the delinquent tax amount of \$1,111.80 that was placed on his property taxes. The committee further recommends that a payment agreement be set up between Daniel Ackerberg and the village for the remaining balance on his utility account.

**Motion** by Herin **Seconded** by McDonald

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to get bids to repair the brick columns on the southeast corner of the village hall

Discussion: The column is leaning and birds have made a nest in it and the only thing that is holding it up is the fascia.

ALL IN FAVOR

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

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to get bids to build a pavilion in Vida Weaver Park

Discussion: McDonald inquired if it would be like the structure in White Cloud. Slocum reported that she was not sure what that one looked like but would research it. Slocum stated that the pavilion would be a replica of the one in Webster Park or a stick built on which could have bricks added to it at a later time.

ALL IN FAVOR

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

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to get bids to update and add playground equipment in Weaver Park

Discussion: McDonald inquired what it would like. Slocum said that she had picked out some equipment from a company called Play World and they would be in natural colors. Slocum said that she did retrieve current prices online but wanted to contact Play World directly about shipping and installation. She said that she researched Game Time but they were very expensive.

ALL IN FAVOR

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

**(motion FAILED)**

Motion to accept the Water and Sewer Committee's recommendation to have the Village of Hesperia pay the Oceana County Treasurer for the delinquent utility invoices in the amount of \$1,111.80 that were placed on the property taxes of 162 S. State Street.

Discussion: A discussion was had regarding the amount of \$1,111.80 and that a payment had been made to the taxes at 162 S. State for \$500.00. McDonald commented that when a property is purchased, it is the buyer's responsibility to research any outstanding utilities or taxes. Clerk Burrell stated that it was past practice that the utility invoice stays with the property not the owner/tenant. Slocum stated that the ordinance should be looked at and updated if needed. She believes that it is not fair for the new owner to have to pay someone's debt.

Yeas: Slocum, Smith

Nays: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Webster

Abstain: Farber

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

**(motion FAILED)**

Motion to accept the Water and Sewer Committee's recommendation to have the Village of Hesperia pay the Oceana County Treasurer for the delinquent utility invoices in the amount of \$611.80 that were placed on the property taxes of 162 S. State Street.

Yeas: Herin, Slocum, Smith

Nays: Halverson, McDonald, Webster

Abstain: Farber

**Public Comments:**

Several comments were made regarding the agenda item at 162 S. State. Mackenzie Pennington suggested to add more trash cans at Weaver Pavilion because she is getting a lot of trash in her yard from the park. She spoke about the animal ordinance allowing chickens. She is allowed to have chickens because the size of her property and but is not in compliance because the distance between the coop and another building on her property. She said that she would like to see the ordinance changed to allow chickens for the village and the distance changed. Derek Way said that he would like the communication between the village and it's residents be improved. Thomas Meoak mentioned that maybe a robocall or text can be looked into when there is Boil Water Notice. He also inquired about the police department and possibly sharing an officer with another town. Council responded that they would look into a way to communicate better and that every police department is having a hard time finding officers and that they are continuing to place ads and look for a police chief. Derek Way suggested paying a relocation bonus. Tammie Nguyen and Debra Pagan asked about the Hydro Corp letter. Clerk Burrell responded that the village had a contract with them to do mandatory cross connection testing. She suggested that Tammie Nguyen contact Hydro Corp at the number listed on the letter and explain her situation and hopefully, they would be accommodating. Joseph Fox stated that he was a Republican candidate running for State Representative and gave a brief statement about himself and his campaign. McDonald commented that the DPW will be doing another water hydrant flush with our new Operator in Charge of the water system in the next few weeks.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith  
Motion to adjourn  
ALL IN FAVOR  
Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM

**(motion CARRIED)**

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell  
Hesperia Village Clerk