
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
September 12, 2022
7:30 PM

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. President Farber mentioned that Dan Herin would not be attending the meeting and had an excused absence.

Roll Call: Members Present: Stephanie Halverson, Joyce McDonald, Jackie Slocum, Jim Smith, Cathy Webster, Mike Farber
Absent: Dan Herin (excused)

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Brian Hosticka, Anna Dukes, Tracy Sumner, Eileen Homan, Kimba Morse, Steve Micklin, David Huntley and others not listed.

Amend the Agenda:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to amend the agenda to add item f. Ordinance 91 Nuisances amendment and to add item g. Michigan Rural Water Association Continuing Services.
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Herin

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 August 8, 2022.
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Herin

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for August 2022 in the amount of \$319,890.66.
Discussion: President Farber stated that the streets were paved last month and that is a part of why the invoices are higher this month.
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Herin

Announcements/Correspondence: President Farber reported the following: A partial repair was made to the dam but it did not completely fix the issue. The remaining repairs will be scheduled in the spring; A water main break occurred near the village offices and Newaygo Plumbing helped repaired it; someone is inquiring about purchasing some of our old equipment; the ordinance for Recreational marihuana was sent to us from the lawyer and he would like to set up a work shop with the attorney to discuss; Discharging is ongoing at the sewer site until November 1st; the two DPW buildings were painted and street painting will be done in the next few weeks.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance: McDonald stated that there was a meeting held on August 25th to go over the Village's insurance with our agent Jon Koets. Another meeting was held on September 6th to discuss DPW personnel and a meeting was held on September 8th to approve monthly invoices.

Marihuana:

Ordinance:

Parks:

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Technology & Grants: Halverson reported that she had received quotes for surveillance cameras. The quote for Vanguard Security Systems had the quotes switched around between Weaver Park and the DPW building.

Water & Sewer:

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum (motion CARRIED)

Motion to untable the motion for playground equipment from the previous meeting and to proceed with the quote from Mid State Recreations in the amount of \$85,122.00.

Discussion: Slocum said that she received the proposal back from Mid States and it was higher; Installation is \$23,188.00 and freight was \$4,000.00. She stated that 50 % was due when the order was placed and the balance would be due upon delivery next spring. Slocum said that the residents and community deserve playground equipment and encouraged the council to purchase it. She also stated that the prices would increase 7% next year so we should lock the price in now if we could. A discussion was had regarding where to get the additional funds.

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

Nays:

Absent: Herin

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Smith (motion CARRIED)

Motion to appoint Steve Micklin as the Village Zoning Administrator and to do ordinance enforcement; duties include zoning permits and to interpret and enforce village zoning ordinances at \$600.00 per month.

Yeas: Halverson, McDonald, Smith, Webster, Farber

Nays: Slocum

Absent: Herin

Motion Halverson Seconded by McDonald (motion CARRIED)

Motion for accept the quote from Vanguard Security Systems for security cameras at the DPW building and Weaver Park in the amount of \$11,535.60.

Discussion: Slocum asked about servicing the cameras and if there was a cost. Halverson did not think there was a cost. Halverson mentioned that the footage would be stored on the cloud and it would record 24/7 and the cameras have night vision.

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

Nays:

Absent: Herin

Motion Farber Seconded by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to accept the proposal from M. Seng Enterprise in the amount of \$6,900.00 to repair the damage to the bathrooms located at the dam.

ALL IN FAVOR

Discussion: President Farber said that the insurance company wants us to fix the damage. The deductible is \$250.00.

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

Nays:

Absent: Herin

Motion McDonald Seconded by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to move Dustin Homfeld from a part time employee to a full time employee and increase his wage to \$18.00 and to move Don Homfeld from a temporary employee to a part time employee and increase his wage to \$15.00. Raise will become effective the next pay period.

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Herin

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Halverson **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to adopt Resolution #2022-13 amending the Village of Hesperia 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget.

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

Nays:

Absent: Herin

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to adopt Resolution #2022-14 amending the Village of Hesperia 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget for Fleis & Vandenbrink.

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

Nays:

Absent: Herin

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to adopt amendment to Ordinance 91 Nuisances.

Discussion: The amendment is changing the enforcement to 10 days after notice is received, a penalty will occur if they do not comply and fines, cost of removal plus 20% will be added on to property taxes.

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

Nays:

Absent: Herin

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to continue with Michigan Rural Water Association services.

Discussion: President Farber stated that the 90 day period for free services is ending and after that, M.R.W.A. will charge between \$80.00 and \$90.00 per hour.

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

Nays:

Absent: Herin

Public Comments: David Huntley asked about the vandalism at the dam and if the culprits were caught. He also commented on the brick work in front of the village hall and said it was done nicely. Anna Dukes addressed a question to President Farber regarding allegations of sexual harassment and discrimination. He asked her which one and she repeated her question. He stated he did not know if he could speak on it but he told her no to neither one. Brian Hosticka introduced himself as the 102nd District State Representative and gave a brief history about himself and he said he would like our support.

Miscellaneous:

Jim Smith wanted to thank the council for the plant that was sent while in he was in the hospital. A brief discussion was had about compiling a list of old equipment that would like to be sold. Dates were discussed for a future work session on recreational marihuana.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk