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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
November 14, 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, Steve Micklin, Tracy Sumner, Katie Strohauer, Jim Draper, Corinna Hervey, Terry Beardsley Jr. and others not listed.

**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 Halverson

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 10, 2022.

ALL IN FAVOR

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

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to approve payment of invoices for October 2022 in the amount of \$34,569.46.

Discussion: Halverson inquired what the invoice was for from Sam Bishop. Clerk Burrell explained that he had taught a First Aid/CPR training class for the DPW; Halverson also inquired about the invoice for Lakeshore Hospital. Clerk Burrell stated that it should be for Lakeshore Signs and it will be corrected prior to sending the checks out.

ALL IN FAVOR

**Announcements/Correspondence:** President Farber introduced Katie Strohauer from Fleis & Vandenbrink. She briefly spoke about the proposal from them for a Wellhead Protection Program, a new Well Site Evaluation and coordination with the Department of Energy, Great Lakes and Environment. President Farber introduced Corinna Hervey from H & S Companies and she gave her findings for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 to the council. She spoke for about 15 minutes going into different details of the audit. She touched based on the Equipment Fund and said that the office and DPW staff should pay close attention to the correct amount set by the State of Michigan and in reporting the correct hours that the equipment is used. She stated that the Village of Hesperia was in a unique position because the MERS retirement fund is overfunded. She reported that the Village of Hesperia had a clean audit and that her team did not find any issues. She encouraged the council members to reach out to her anytime throughout the year if they had any questions. President Farber congratulated the council members that had been re-elected and congratulated Don Bostrom on becoming a new village trustee. President Farber made a few announcements including that the new Christmas decorations had arrived and have been put up in Webster Park, that the DPW hours were changing to 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM starting the first week in December, that the village is currently accepting Sealed Bids for trash removal service in the village. He stated that all the bathrooms in the

parks had been winterized and the restrooms in Weaver Park will be fixed before being opened in the spring. He reported that DPW employee, Dustin Homfeld had gotten his Class B CDL and that an employee agreement had been signed. President Farber stated that the Adult Use Marihuana Ordinance had been received back from the attorney with revisions. He asked if the council had any questions and if they did not, a public hearing could be scheduled in December. He read a letter from Senator Bumstead congratulating the village on being rewarded a grant for local roads. President Farber read a letter that had been received from Jim and Carrie Draper stating they were selling their business on Main Street due to the new proposed ordinance allowing marihuana facilities. President Farber commented to them that he was sorry that they felt that way and thanked them for submitting the letter.

### **Committee Reports:**

**A.R.P.A.** Slocum reported that a meeting had been held and that the recommendation of the committee is to spend the total amount of A.R.P.A. monies received of \$97,627.43 in the village parks. This would possibly include a dog park, permanent picnic tables at the dam pavilion, a fish cleaning station, refreshing the Sports Complex and Webster parks and a possible pavilion in Vida Weaver Park. President Farber inquired about the total proposed amount being spent in the parks. He was under the assumption that \$83,000.00 of the A.R.P.A. monies would be spent in the parks and the \$72,000.00 that was budgeted in the parks would remain in the general fund. President Farber asked if the council would like a work session to discuss further. Herin asked for clarification that the \$97,627.43 of A.R.P.A. monies would be spent in the parks on top of the \$83,000.00 that was previously approved for the playground equipment in Weaver Park. Slocum and McDonald explained that that was the recommendation of the committee. President Farber stated that it was on the agenda and the vote would go forward without a work session.

### **Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:**

**Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance):** McDonald reported that a committee meeting was held on November 3, 2022 regarding departmental issues including changing hours of operation for the DPW and going over existing guidelines. McDonald also reported that a meeting was held on November 10, 2022 to review invoices.

### **Marihuana:**

#### **Ordinance:**

**Parks:** Slocum gave an update on the playground equipment and said that the proposal had been signed and sent back to Midstates Recreation. The tentative installation date would be in April 2023. The village would have to remove the old playground equipment and prepare the site prior to April.

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

**Technology & Grants:** Halverson reported that she looked at the Michigan SPARKS grant that is available and requested for a Work Session to be held. She would like the whole council to participate in discussions regarding the grant. She stated that the dam area is in need of updates and repairs. She said that there is a zero dollar match and the cap is up to one million dollars. The deadline to apply is December 19, 2022. Halverson also reported that the cameras had been installed in Weaver Park and at the DPW and they are fully operational. She said that the recording system is on a seven day loop. President Farber said that the DPW does daily rounds and if damage is found, the tapes would be reviewed.

### **Water & Sewer:**

### **Zoning Administrator Report:**

Steve Micklin introduced himself as the new Zoning Administrator. He went over his monthly report and stated that the details would be from the previous month. He said that there were 3 inquiries, 1 permit issued, 6 complaints. He stated that letters were mailed and that he has issue that one complaint had been resolved.

**Motion by Slocum Seconded by McDonald (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to adopt resolution #2022-15 American Rescue Plan Act allocating funds in the amount of \$97,627.43 to the parks.  
Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Smith, Slocum, Webster  
Nays: Farber

**Motion by McDonald Seconded by Herin (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to purchase a 2023 Ford F250, Super Cab 4 x 4 with an eight foot box in the amount of \$48,869.00 plus delivery charge.  
Discussion: Halverson asked if we shopped around and possibly looked at a Ram instead of a Ford. Herin asked if any other bids were gotten. President Farber said that no, he did not look around for bids. He stated that we had been on the list at Fremont Ford for several months and when the purchase window opened, he asked for a quote to submit to the council for approval. Slocum stated that this was a very good price for a brand new vehicle.  
Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Webster, Farber  
Nays: Smith

**Motion by Herin Seconded by Slocum (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to adopt resolution #2022-16 for a Budget Amendment for a DPW truck purchase in the amount of \$48,869.00  
Yeas: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Webster, Farber  
Nays: Smith

**Motion by Slocum Seconded by Herin (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to accept the proposal from Fleis & Vandenbrink to develop a Village of Hesperia Wellhead Protection Program plan, a Type 1 Well site evaluation including coordination with EGLE in the amount of \$25,000.00.  
Yeas: Halverson, Herin, Slocum, Smith, Webster, Farber  
Nays: McDonald

**Public Comments:** NONE

**Miscellaneous:** McDonald announced that the village offices would be closed for Thanksgiving on November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022. She also stated that there is a leaf drop off area in Weaver Park and the dead line to drop leaf bags is Tuesday, November 15, 2022 by 8:00 PM.

**Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum (motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to adjourn  
ALL IN FAVOR  
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell  
Hesperia Village Clerk

**“Village of Hesperia is an equal opportunity provider and employer”**