
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
February 13, 2023
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.

Roll Call: Members Present: Don Bostrom, Stephanie Halverson, Dan Herin, Joyce McDonald, Jackie Slocum, Jim Smith, Mike Farber

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Steve Micklin, Jane Bostrom, Terry Beardsley Jr., Tracy Sumner and Ben Kladder

Set the Agenda:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Halverson (motion CARRIED)
Motion to amend the agenda to include Christmas Decorations as Item c under new business.
ALL IN FAVOR

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on January 9, 2023.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Halverson (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 9, 2023.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for January 2023 in the amount of \$42,393.70.

Announcements/Correspondence: Clerk Burrell read an e-mail from Aaron Slate from Bob’s Drugs. He thanked Steve Micklin and the village council for their support and help in getting the zoning variance granted for work on his building at 194 N. Division. He stated that he really appreciated all of the work that the village has done with getting certified through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and is looking forward to other businesses taking advantage of grant opportunities offered. He stated that the village is definitely moving in the right direction and great work is being done and it is noticed and appreciated. President Farber inquired if anyone for the Community Garden was in the audience and no one was present.

FLEIS & VANDENBRINK: President Farber introduced Ben Kladder and he talked about the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (C.W.S.R.F.) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (D.W.S.R.F) grant opportunities and stated that a Letter of Intent had already been sent to the State of Michigan. Ben stated that he thought that Hesperia would score high on the criteria due to the village being an overburdened community. He explained that the figures included in the scope of work for the waste water side is \$4.4 million dollars and \$11.5 million for the water side. He stated that there is no guarantee in being awarded the grant but Fleis & Vandenbrink thought it beneficial for the Village of Hesperia to apply. The proposed cost of \$30,000 from Fleis & Vandenbrink includes preparing project plans and applying for grants for both C.W.S.R.F and D.W.S.R.F..

Ben stated that the \$30,000 cost is eligible for reimbursement under the grant program if awarded the grant. Ben said that the village could reapply in future years if we were not awarded it. A question was asked what kind of match was required. Ben stated that it varies and would not know until information regarding the application was released. He thought possibly 75% for the State of Michigan with a 25% match from the Village of Hesperia. He said that it could be paid in the form of a low interest loan from Michigan. McDonald asked if it would be more than \$30,000 and Ben replied that it would not be more but possibly could be less. President Farber asked if the scope of work could be reduced once the application was reviewed and Ben stated that yes, different projects could be reviewed and removed. President Farber said that Well #1 and Well #2 had been repaired in the past few years and that work would not be needed to be included in the project. Ben stated that if the council approved the proposal, work would need to be started soon because the deadline to apply for C.W.S.R.F. is May 1, 2023 and the deadline for D.W.S.R.F. is June 1, 2023. He said that the State of Michigan will review all applications received and will contact the entities that are awarded grants sometime in September of this year. Ben explained that engineering could begin in 2024 and possible construction would begin in 2025.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald said that the committee met twice regarding the budget before presenting it to the council at the Work Session on February 9th. She said that there will be a Budget Hearing before the council meeting in March to present it to the public. McDonald said that there was a committee meeting scheduled on Thursday, February 16th for interviews with candidates for the Treasurer's position.

Marihuana:

Ordinance:

Parks:

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Technology & Grants

Water & Sewer: President Farber said that the Water & Sewer committee had two meetings with Fleis & Vandenbrink. One was regarding Wellhead Protection and well replacements sites and the other one was a Zoom meeting regarding the C.W.S.R.F & D.W.S.R.F grant opportunities.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Steve Micklin gave the monthly Zoning Administrator report. He stated that no permits had been applied for or issued. He reported that eight letters were sent out and has managed to resolve some. He has received two signed agreements with residents stating that they would clean up their properties by a certain date. Steve had been in contact with one of the owners of the campground and said that they are wanting to make improvements this spring including, adding more sites, a dump station, bath house and store. Steve said that citation books had arrived. He spoke with Sawyer from Parmenter Law regarding how to issue citations. President Farber suggested that a Council Work Session be held later in the spring to discuss the options of how to handle issuing civil infraction tickets and how to get properties in the village cleaned up. Micklin commented that he would like to meet with the Ordinance committee regarding changing the ordinances to include having the property owner be responsible to pay for fees regarding variance hearings, etc.

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Herin

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to accept the proposal from Fleis & Vandenbrink for the C.W.S.R.F. grant in the amount of \$15,000.

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

Nays:

Absent

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the proposal from Fleis & Vandenbrink for the D.W.S.R.F. grant in the amount of \$15,000.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:
Absent

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Smith (motion CARRIED)
Motion to adopt Resolution #2023-01 decertifying Mill Street off of the Act 51 Map.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, Smith, Farber
Nays: McDonald, Slocum
Absent

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Smith (motion CARRIED)
Motion to adopt Resolution #2023-02 certifying Town Place Court to be added to Act 51 Map.
Discussion: Farber explained that he had been contacted by Kelly Bolt from MDOT and she instructed him on to have Town Place Court added to our Act 51 Map.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:
Absent

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to spend \$7,500.00 to purchase Christmas Decorations for the parks.
ALL IN FAVOR

Public Comments: McDonald mentioned that she had saw some Christmas placards in Fremont and thought that the village could look into purchasing similar ones. Slocum suggested purchasing more Christmas lights for Webster Park. Burrell stated that the Chamber of Commerce adds new Christmas lights every year.

Miscellaneous: Halverson stated that she found some picnic tables and trash cans for the pavilion at the dam to be included with the Spark grant. She also would like to look at some landscaping options.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to adjourn
ALL IN FAVOR
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk

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