
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
March 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, Joann Borgman, David Huntley, Nancy Conley

Amend the Agenda:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Halverson (motion CARRIED)
Motion to amend the agenda to include changing item f. to be Treasurer’s Position, add item h. hire an architect, add item i. sewer study.
ALL IN FAVOR

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

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

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Smith (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 13, 2023.
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Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for February 2023 in the amount of \$47,305.85.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald said that the committee met three times for interviews for the treasurer’s position and it would be discussed under new business.

Ordinance:

Parks: Slocum reported that a meeting had been held on February 28, 2023. Sally Kralely from Hesperia Beautification was there. Discussed how to use A.R.P.A. funds in the parks. The project was split up between Slocum and Halverson and another meeting will be held to discuss plans.

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Technology & Grants: Halverson reported that a meeting was held and recommendation was to hire an architect to draw up plans for the dam area including the island, boardwalk, sports complex, swimming area and Vida Weaver park. Once the drawing were made, they should be good for about five years.

Water & Sewer: A meeting was held regarding the mobile home park and would be discussed under new business.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Steve Micklin gave the monthly Zoning Administrator report. He reported that there will be a new house located at State and South Street with a garage and car port. He said that the ordinance violation involving chickens had been resolved and the chickens were removed. He touched based on the ordinance giving the village the authority to clean up a property and place the cost on the tax bill. He suggested a work session with the council to discuss how they want to proceed. He stated that he had spoke to with Stephanie Halverson, chairperson of the Ordinance committee suggesting that the village charge fees for ordinance variances and that she would look into it and have a committee meeting.

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-03 amending the Village of Hesperia 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:
Absent

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-04 to adopt the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year's annual budget.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:
Absent

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Halverson **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to adopt Resolution #2023-05 approving the submittal of the application for the local bridge program funds for preventative maintenance of the Michigan Street Bridge over the White River.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:
Absent

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to adopt Resolution #2023-06 approving the submittal an application for the local bridge program funds for preventative maintenance of the Division Street Bridge over the White River
Discussion: Farber stated that it would be about \$500.00 each to have Fleis & Vandenbrink resubmit the application again this year. He stated that it was broken up in two different applications.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:
Absent

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Halverson **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to adopt Ordinance #2023-01 changing the Adult Use Marihuana Ordinance.
Discussion: The change is to include restrictions on exterior signage. Farber said it was left out of the ordinance by error. He said the exterior signs should remain neutral and blend into the neighborhood.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Smith, Farber
Nays: Slocum
Absent

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to appoint Joann Borgman as the Hesperia Village Treasurer Trainee starting March 27, 2023 at \$17.00, up to 30 hours per week, no benefits, at end of training, to step into the Treasurer's position.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:
Absent

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to have Peggy Miller remain as Village Treasurer for training purposes at \$20.00 per hour and five sick days for an undetermined amount of time.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to purchase new council room furniture up to \$12,000.00.
Discussion: New chairs for council and new chairs for the audience and a council table.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Halverson **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to hire an architect to create drawings for a current and proposed park plan.
Discussion: Halverson suggested that a joint committee meeting with the Grants Committee and the Parks Committee be held. Drawings should include the following areas: Swimming area, island, dam, sports complex and Vida Weaver.
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Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to hire Tower Pinkster to draw up plans of the swimming area, island, dam, sports complex and Vida Weaver not to exceed \$10,000.00.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:
Absent

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Smith (motion CARRIED)
Motion to have a sewer study done for the mobile home community.
Discussion: The mobile home community is interested in expanding and they are currently being charged a ready to serve fee for sewer and are not being charged any usage fees.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:
Absent

President Farber stated that the Village of Hesperia has been spending money on studies and grants in the past year to help the Village be in a better position to receive grants to help our infrastructure. Jackie Slocum asked if we should hire a professional grant writer to help us be in a better position to apply for grants. It was suggested to contact the Fremont Area Foundation or the Oceana County Foundation to see if they had any recommendations. Farber stated that he would like to have a new Master Plan created.

Public Comments:

Nancy Conley, Newfield Township Clerk, spoke about the new recycling center that they had received a grant for. She said that there would be a presentation at the Newfield Township meeting on April 18, 2023 outlining the grant they received from E.G.L.E. and details of the facility and what materials they will take as Clean Recyclables.

Miscellaneous:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

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Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk

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