
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
April 10, 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, Nancy Conley, Rhonda Wright, Richard Verhaar, Todd Laisure, Emily Laisure, Terry Beardsley Jr., Tammie Nguyen, Deb Pagan and David Huntley

Set the Agenda:

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

Motion to set the agenda as presented

ALL IN FAVOR

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

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

Motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on March 13, 2023.

ALL IN FAVOR

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

Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 13, 2023.

ALL IN FAVOR

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

Motion to approve payment of invoices for March 2023 in the amount of \$27,835.74.

Discussion: Herin inquired what the invoice was for from Northern Lights. It was for Christmas decorations that were approved by council.

ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence: President Farber introduced Rhonda Wright representing the Hesperia Area Chamber of Commerce. She asked the village for support for the Fireworks for the 2023 Hesperia Fun Fest. She said that the fireworks and the Chamber accounts were separated a few years ago and only donations are used for the fireworks. She said that the fireworks are enjoyed by many people and they would like to see them get bigger and better every year. Different methods of fundraising were discussed and Rhonda stated that volunteers were very hard to come by to run events. Some members of the audience stated that they would be willing to help with the festival.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald said that there was a meeting held on 04-06-2023 to approve invoices.

Ordinance: Halverson reported that a meeting was held regarding special use permit fees and did not know how to move forward. McDonald asked what the fees would cover. It would cover the cost of fees, ad in paper and council pay. McDonald suggested that the ordinance make a list of ordinances to be changed, change ordinance, have public hearing and present to council for adoption.

Parks: Slocum said that the committee met last Thursday to get ARPA projects organized. No recommendation at this time. Met with Tower Pinkster regarding getting drawings made including dam and parks. They also got drone footage of Hesperia. The drawing would help in applying for future grants and for updating the Master Plan.

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Technology & Grants:

Water & Sewer: Slocum reported that a committee meeting was held regarding the expansion of the mobile home park. Recommendation was to get a sewer study completed. Someone will reach out to Fleis & Vandenbrink regarding getting a study done. She also reported that another meeting had been held regarding the Wellhead Protection Program. The recommendation was to reach out to neighboring properties to see if a well can be placed on their property. There may be grant possibilities available.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Steve Micklin gave the monthly Zoning Administrator report. He reported that a new house would be going in on M-20 and State Street. The house will be placed in line with the other houses on the street. He reported that there are new owners of 100 State Street and they inquired about building. He referred them to the Oceana County Drain Commission and the DNR. He said that he has seen progress on some of the properties that he had previously sent letter to. He sent a certified letter out to a property owner last week. They have 10 days to respond or clean up property before a civil infraction could be written.

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

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-07 adopting a final project planning document for wastewater system improvements or NPS pollution control/stormwater improvements and designating an authorized project representative.

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

Nays:

Absent

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

Motion to give the council members a \$10.00 per meeting pay raise.

Discussion: Farber stated that it has been several years since there had been a pay increase and he thought that it was time for an increase and said that the council members have been doing a lot of extra work.

Yeas: Bostrom, Farber

Nays: Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith

Absent

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

Motion to increase the office staff personnel and the DPW personnel's wages 3% across the board.

Discussion: Halverson asked that if it was in the budget why a motion was needed. It was explained that a separate motion from the budget needed to be approved by council.

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

Nays:

Absent

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

Motion to give \$5,000 to the Hesperia Chamber of Commerce for fireworks.

Discussion: Farber said that the village supported the fireworks in 2021 in the amount of \$8,000 and the Hesperia Area Chamber of Commerce asked again for support this year. Slocum agrees and Herin stated that our fireworks were the best around the area.

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

Nays: Smith

Absent

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

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-08 to MDOT Contract # 23-5107, Control Section EDB 62000, Job Number 218295CON.

Discussion: Farber explained that this was for the MDOT Category B grant for \$135,000 in grant monies.

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

Nays:

Absent

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

Motion to accept Northern Well's proposal for a two speed starter and soft starter in the amount of \$11,250.00.

Discussion: Farber stated that the VFD needed to be changed.

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

Nays:

Absent

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

Motion to accept Northern Well's proposal to pull and inspect Well #3 in the amount of \$5,100.00

Discussion: Farber explained that it has been seven years and it is time to clean and inspect the well with a camera. McDonald inquired if this was the well that was offline. Farber replied that it was offline for awhile but it now back online.

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

Nays:

Absent

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

Motion to accept the proposal from Great Lakes Pet Fencing in the amount of \$10,636.36 for a dog park at Weaver Park using the A.R.P.A funds.

Discussion: Slocum explained that she reached out to three companies and only got once response. The bid from Great Lakes Pet Fencing will include a free bench and dog waste receptacle. She said that the company just built one in Shelby and it is very nice. McDonald inquired about the location and Slocum responded that it would be located between the woods and the storage building in Weaver Park. McDonald suggested that a privacy barrier should be placed around the entire area so it did not bother any surrounding neighbors.

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

Nays:

Absent

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to purchase a new conference room table in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Discussion: McDonald stated that she met with Northern Rustic Design and they could design a table that would fit the conference room space. It would be approximately 10 feet on each side and 8 feet in the back. It would have mitered corners, a privacy panel for legs and hidden casters. Slocum said that she reached out to a few vendors and was quoted around \$20,000.00.

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

Nays: Halverson

Absent

Public Comments:

Rich Verhaar asked about the inspection cost for the well. He asked why it could not be down like a residential home. President Farber said that since it was a commercial well, there were state guidelines that needed to be followed. He also inquired about the cost of the council table. He said that there was a 20 foot table available online for \$3,000.00. Slocum and McDonald responded that the dimensions were different and they had contacted several places and the cost was much higher. Steve Micklin congratulated the council on the building the dog park. A few comments were made about keeping the park clean and that bags would be provided. David Huntley thanked the council for brush pick up and for the new comfortable audience chairs. He inquired about his stinky water. Debra Pagan and others also mentioned that they had the same issue. A discussion was had with the audience about the water and that there will be a public hearing held next month that will address it.

Miscellaneous:

Herin inquired about the drains between the laundromat and Ed's Grocery. Mike said that it was looked at last year and there is an old crock tile in the drain that needs to be changed that goes to the river. Farber said that he has a company coming to look at it.

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Smith

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk

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