
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
May 8, 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 and Terry Beardsley Jr.

Amend the Agenda:

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to amend the agenda to include disposing of equipment as item b. and request for sealed bids for playground equipment as item c.
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 Public Hearing held on April 10, 2023.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Halverson **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 10, 2023.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve payment of invoices for April 2023 in the amount of \$67,391.34
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence: President Farber reported that the village had received a letter of noncompliance from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) for having PFAS in our water system. He said that Well #3 was taken offline in early May. A notice will be sent out to all of the water customers within 30 days. 1,000 gallons per day are being pumped onto the ground from Well #3 to keep the well active. A meeting is being setup between EGLE and the village. The water tower will be cleaned this summer by Dixon Engineering. President Farber said that Newaygo Plumbing have repaired the restrooms in Weaver Park and they are open for the season. He also mentioned that there will be a hearing on Drinking Water State Revolving Fund at 6:00 PM on May 25th followed by a special council meeting. President Farber also said that he is setting up a follow up meeting with Fleis and Vandenbrink regarding the dam inspection from last year.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance):

Ordinance:

Parks: Slocum reported that a committee meeting was held on April 6 to prioritize the ARPA funding.

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Technology & Grants: Halverson reported that a committee meeting had been held regarding the Sparks grant and the suggestion was to locate a grant writer to help. McDonald suggested that she contact the Fremont Area Foundation for a possible recommendation for a grant writer. Halverson also stated that a pdf needs to be made of the blueprints from the original design of the dam boardwalk. Halverson inquired about having a combined meeting for Parks and Technology and Grants and she was told they could be combined as long as a quorum was not present. Halverson reported that she was working on the RRC tasks and said that she should be able to get some.

Water & Sewer: Farber inquired about the status of the water/sewer study that needs to be done for the mobile home park. Slocum or Smith will reach out to Fleis & Vandenbrink. Slocum stated that she has not heard back from Gronzo or the school regarding property for a potential new well site.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Steve Micklin gave the monthly Zoning Administrator report. He reported that there was an inquiry to build a new home on N. State Street. He reported that a few people have complied with his letters regarding nuisances. He said that he has seen progress on some of the properties that he had previously sent letter to including one on Cook Street. He is working on a complaint on Michigan Avenue that Newaygo County owns and the county said they would get it cleaned up. Steve and President Farber talked about an ordinance that states that the village has the power to condemn houses if needed. Further discussions will take place prior to that happening. A volunteer has come forward regarding helping village residents with disabilities and senior citizens to clean up their yards.

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

Motion to accept the proposal from M. Seng Enterprise in the amount of \$7,950.00 to build a table for the council room

Discussion: McDonald said that a 10 x 10 x 10 U shape table will be built with a laminate top and will have castors on the bottom so the table can be move. Herin asked if Mike Seng would have time to build it. Yes, Slocum and McDonald believed that he would have time to build it this year.

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

Nays:

Absent:

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

Motion to place delinquent water and sewer bills on the 2023 property taxes for nine parcels in the amount of \$3,322.60.

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

Motion to place delinquent water/sewer bills on the 2023 property taxes covering the total amount due.
ALL IN FAVOR

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

Motion to accept sealed bids for unused village equipment.

Discussion: A list will be compiled and an ad will be placed in the paper and will include the condition of the items listed.

ALL IN FAVOR

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

Motion to Motion to place an ad for sealed bids for the playground equipment in Weaver Park not including the dinosaur.

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

Nays:

Public Comments: Nancy Conley from Newfield Township reported on the new recycling center and said it should be in operation this year. She also said that there is now a free book library near the hall entrance.

Miscellaneous: Herin asked what the blue flags were for on Sunset Boulevard. Farber responded they marked where the water lines are.

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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