
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
June 12, 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, Debra Pagan, Tammie Nguyen, Nancy Conley, Terry Beardsley Jr.

Amend the Agenda:

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to amend the agenda to include MHP Sewer Study as item g. Vida Weaver Park Pavilion project support letter as item h. Water Tower Cleaning as item i. and Pavilion Survey & Floodplain Mapping as item j.
ALL IN FAVOR

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 8, 2023.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Halverson (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on May 25, 2023.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 25, 2023.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for May 2023 in the amount of \$80,076.91
Discussion: Halverson asked why the invoices were so high this month. It was explained that there around \$10,000 that were not included in last month's invoice and there were some projects that were not normally in the standard monthly invoices.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence: President Farber introduced Keagen Rich from Point Broadband. Keagan talked about Point Broadband installing fiber cable in Hesperia and the surrounding area. On July 8th, they will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony and community BBQ in Webster Park to celebrate Phase 1 of their installation, He stated that they have spent millions of dollars and will continue to invest in the community and spoke about possible sponsoring a park or sports field. The council thanked Point Broadband for investing in our community.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance):

Ordinance:

Parks: Slocum reported that the playground equipment was delayed and are hope to have it installed prior to the Fourth of July. She reported that the new swings and repair to the playground equipment in Webster Park have been completed.

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Technology & Grants: Halverson reported that the village was tentatively approved for a \$50,000 matching grant and she will follow up with Tower Pinkster regarding drawings for the Vida Weaver Park Pavilion.

Water & Sewer:

Zoning Administrator Report:

Steve Micklin gave the monthly Zoning Administrator report. He reported that all of the mowing complaints have been taken care of. He has seen a big improvement on Cook Street. The house on Winter Street is a work in progress but they are getting some things completed. He said that Newaygo County has cleaned up the yard a little on Michigan Avenue. He said that he would like to attend a training on court procedures in July. The Newaygo County Magistrate is hosting the event.

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

Motion to adopt the 2023 Village of Hesperia millage rate of 13.8162

Discussion: Farber asked if the village wanted to adopt a lower rate or accept the above millage rate presented. He commented that if the motion did not pass, another motion could be made with a lower amount. A discussion was had about the amount that the village would receive in taxes.

Yeas: McDonald, Herin, Smith, Halverson, Farber

Nays: Bostrom, Slocum

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Bostrom

Motion for 162 E. Michigan for the First Right of Refusal **(motion CARRIED)**

Discussion: Yes vote means you are voting for the first right of refusal and the Village of Hesperia **does not** want to obtain the property at 162 E. Michigan. Herin asked if the village could obtain the property for \$6,500.00. Slocum inquired on the property description and how large the lot was. Farber stated that the village could fix it up and resell it but could not make a profit on it.

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

Nays:

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

Motion to appoint Joann Borgman to fill the Treasurer's position for the remaining term at \$18.50 per hour effective June 12th, 2023.

ALL IN FAVOR

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

Motion to place Joann Borgman as signatore on all financial institutions including the safety deposit box effective June 12, 2023 and to remove Peggy Miller as signatore on all financial institutions including the safety deposit box effective July 31, 2023.

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

Nays:

Sealed bid for playground equipment was opened by Jackie Slocum, Parks Committee chairperson. Only one bid was received. Linda Cunningham bid \$50.00 for the used playground equipment.

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to accept the bid from Linda Cunningham for the used Weaver Park playground equipment.
Discussion: Slocum stated that the swing sets were damaged while being removed. Slocum stated that the equipment will need to be removed by Tuesday June 20th, 2023.
ALL IN FAVOR

President Farber discussed the repairs for the backhoe. He said that a mobile repair unit will come to the village to repair the drive shaft/hydraulics on the backhoe

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to pay all DPW employees 1 ½ times wages for Monday, July 3rd for anything worked over 8 hours and double time wages for all hours worked on Tuesday, July 4, 2023.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to accept the proposal from Fleis & VandenBrink for a sewer study for the mobile home park in the amount of \$1,200.00
Discussion: Slocum said that the Mobile home park is expanding and a study needed to be performed to see if the existing sewer site could handle the capacity and to see what rates should be charged.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve writing a letter of support for the Village of Hesperia's Vida Weaver Park Pavilion project application for the MEDC's Revitalization and Placemaking grant through the Right Place, Inc's regional grant application.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to have H2O Towers to clean the water tower in the amount of \$3,200.00
Discussion: President Farber stated that they had contacted us about cleaning the water tower while they were in the area and said that they would do it for the rate as they charged us in 2019.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to accept the proposal from Fleis & VandenBrink for a pavilion survey and floodplain mapping for Vida Weaver Park in the amount of \$4,800.00
Discussion: Slocum said that she thought that the whole area is in a floodplain. She is coordinating with EGLE on getting a permit to build a pavilion.
ALL IN FAVOR

Public Comments:

Bruce Bart, a residence of over one year, stated that he likes the Village of Hesperia. He said that he used to be the township supervisor in St. Joseph, MI and now works for a company that turns recycled tires into rubberized mulch and it could be used on walkways or on a splash pad. He would like to apply for grants on the village's behalf if we were interested in his help. McDonald stated that a committee person would be in touch with him.

Miscellaneous:

Farber reported that the gauge on the water tower was not working. The new parts have been ordered and will be installed soon. Farber commented that the Pressure gauge that Northern Well installed last year are working correctly.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk