
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
July 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, Mike Farber
Absent: Jim Smith

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Steve Micklin, Joann Borgman, Nancy Conley and Joan David

Amend the Agenda:

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to amend the agenda to include under Unfinished Business; add item a. Webster Park benches, item b. Dog park signs, cigarette containers and a bike rack: under New Business add item c. Island Tree Removal
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Smith

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 June 12, 2023.
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Smith

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Halverson (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 12, 2023.
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Smith

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Bostrom (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Work Session held on June 19, 2023.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, Slocum, Farber
Nays:
Abstain: McDonald
Absent: Smith

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for June 2023 in the amount of \$104,073.87
ALL IN FAVOR
Absent: Smith

Announcements/Correspondence:

Clerk Burrell stated that herself and Treasurer Joann Borgman made some budget amendments for the 2nd quarter and that they will were able to stay within the funds. She also mentioned that Julie Burrell from The Right Place would be doing a quarterly news letter and if any council members had anything to add, to submit it to the clerk and she would get it put in the newsletter and that there is a public officials conference for Newaygo County in September if any council members wanted to attend. Slocum stated that the mobile home park was asking for a copy of the sewer study and asked if that was something she could give them. McDonald stated that as long as there was no personal information included in the report, it could be released. Farber and McDonald inquired about rates and Slocum said that no, this did not include a rate study. Slocum said she would will look into getting a rate study done.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance):

Ordinance:

Parks: Slocum and Halverson opened the sealed bids on July 6, 2023 for the Weaver Park Pavilion, Slocum reported that two bids had been received and they were significantly higher than the budget. She talked about removing some items and possibly making it smaller to get within the budget. She stated that both vendors said to pick a vendor to work with, then the committee can tell that vendor what changes were needed. Farber stated that the next step would be to file a request for permit with EGLE through their portal system. Slocum stated that the permit process may take up to 6 months.

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Technology & Grants:

Water & Sewer:

Zoning Administrator Report:

Steve Micklin gave the monthly Zoning Administrator report. He stated that he has been issuing permits for buildings and fencing. He reported that he attended some training at the Newaygo County magistrate's office. He suggested that some of our ordinances should be changed from misdemeanors to civil infractions. Micklin explained that if it was a civil infraction, there will be no attorney fees if the case goes before the magistrate. The magistrate can set up compliances hearings and order a clean up if the resident does not comply. Halverson asked how to go about changing the ordinance. Farber replied that a new ordinance will be written and a public hearing would have to be held. Micklin commented that it makes sense to make it a civil infraction instead of it being a criminal offense under a misdemeanor.

Motion by Slocum Seconded by Herin

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to spend up to \$8,764.27 of A.R.P.A. funds for benches for Webster Park

Discussion: Slocum said that the memorial benches in Webster Park are starting to deteriorate and should be replaced. She gave three options from Tree Top Products for the council to choose. She also talked about contacting the existing memorial contributors and see if they wanted to put a new plaque on the bench. She also suggested planting memorial trees instead of the benches. There would be 10 benches put in the park. She stated that she is also working on replacing the lighting in Weaver Park and is waiting on additional proposals.

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

Nays:

Absent: Smith

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

Motion to purchase signs for the dog park, two cigarette receptacles and a bike rack in the amount of \$400.31

Discussion: Slocum showed the design of the bike rack. The dog park rules sign would include wording stating that you need to be at least 16 years of age to be in do park. A fire hydrant from the DPW is being recycled and will be painted and installed in the dog park. Halverson had concerns that the cigarette receptable might catch on fire. A sign can be put on them stating no trash.

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

Nays:

Absent: Smith

President Farber discussed the proposal from Gustafson HDD for Elm Street Drain repairs. He stated that a proposal had been obtained and the work was completed last week and a final invoice would be sent to the clerk for processing. He said that drain has been having issues for a while and the village had no choice but to repair it.

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

Motion to review the bids received from contractors for the Vida Weaver Park Pavilion and to choose a contractor to work with upon approval from E.G.L.E.

Discussion: Slocum reviewed the bids received: SmartComm gave a bid of \$124,620.54 and M. Seng Enterprise gave a bid of \$110,222.33 which was received because it did not have the cost of permits included. Slocum said that both contractors agreed that the council should choose one and work with them to scale the project down to fit within the budget.

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

Nays:

Absent: Smith

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

Motion to accept M. Seng Enterprise as the contractor for the Vida Weaver Park pavilion project.

Discussion: Herin asked about \$85,000.00 Slocum responded that the goal is around \$100,000.00. She said the beams are made of Douglas Fir and are expensive and that the building needs to be a commercial grade quality.

Yeas: Bostrom, Herin, McDonald, Slocum and Farber

Nays: Halverson

Absent: Smith

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

Motion to accept the bid from Alpine Tree Service in the amount of \$4,500.00 to remove the tree from the Island Park.

Discussion: Herin inquired who had contacted. Halverson said that she called a company in Hart and Quality Tree Service and her calls were not returned. Slocum rescinded the motion and Halverson will reached out to a few vendors and get additional bids.

Public Comments:

Joann Borgman asked if it was too late to split the dog park into two sections for large and small dogs. Slocum stated that the park was already installed and it was too late to make any changes. Changes could be possibly be made in the future.

Miscellaneous:

Herin stated that there were branches touching the pavilion near the dam and Slocum stated that there were also some that needed trimmed near the gazebo on the island. Herin inquired about the streets being striped. Father stated that he would contact the company tomorrow to see about getting put on the schedule. Farber reported that the community BBQ held by Point Broadband last week was a success. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony and the Chamber of Commerce took photos of the event. Rates were discussed and it was stated that Point Broadband would be holding the package specials for about a month.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk