
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
August 14, 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, Joan David, Dennis David and David Huntley.

Set the Agenda:

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to set the agenda as presented.

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

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

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve payment of invoices for July 2023 in the amount of \$115,503.12
Discussion: Herin inquired if the Ford Pickup had been delivered. He also inquired what the Holland Public Safety was for. Clerk Burrell explained that it was for the Training Consortium that the Hesperia Police Department belonged to.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence: President Farber introduced Erin Cueon from West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC). She gave a brief summary of what her company provides. WMSRDC has been in business since 1970 and has a staff of 10 people. They do master plans, GIS mapping, and help communities with any projects they may have including economic development and environmental planning, helping with road projects. They receive dues from Lake, Newaygo, Mason, Muskegon and Oceana counties. She explained that municipalities can use WMSRDC as a resource and that they are there to help us unlock state and federal monies. Most services are free but they do have some fee type services that are available. Stephanie Halverson came across WMSRDC while doing research to apply for grants for the village. The council thanked Erin for coming and giving her presentation. President Farber announced that the new pickup truck had been delivered and is currently sitting in the ambulance bay next door. He briefly touched base regarding the 20% service line verification that is due next year that himself and the village’s licensed water operator, Lance Chevren were working on. He said that Gustafson HDD has a vac truck and could help this winter in removing water from the meter areas to identify what type of material the pipes are. He also mentioned that DPW employee, Dustin Homfeld, would be attending a sewer class to apply for a sewer license. President Farber stated that he had contacted Newaygo Plumbing regarding seven potential addresses that might need service lines replaced. He wanted to let the council know about the line replacement and he did not know how much it would cost until after it was completed. He stated that two addresses would be repaired soon and the remaining five would be addressed later in the fall.

McDonald asked when the last time the swimming area had been drained and cleaned. Farber said it had been about three years. She asked for it to be put on the schedule to be cleaned and asked that the artesian well be addressed at that time.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald said that she had received a complaint regarding the garbage service. She said that the Finance and Personnel committee had a meeting scheduled with American Classic on September 7, 2023 and it will be addressed then.

Ordinance: Halverson reported that an Ordinance committee was held regarding various ordinances. She asked for advice on how to proceed. President Farber told her to contact our attorney and he would help write the revisions.

Parks: Slocum reported that the playground equipment was installed improperly and she is working with the installers to have it installed properly. She also stated that she would like to have repairs done to the platform at the swimming area including installing a new type of surface. There was a committee meeting the previous week and are getting bids for repairing and replacing the gazebos, bridge, pavilion, etc.. Farber inquired about purchasing 12 more picnic tables for the Weaver Pavilion.

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: Slocum stated that she had been contacted again regarding the Mobile Home Park regarding sewer rates. President Farber said a water and sewer committee should be held soon. Slocum reported that a meeting was held on August 10, 2023 regarding a resident asking for the village to waive some fees on his utility account that he sold on land contract. The committee said that they would meet again after the landowner had the property put back in his name by the court. Slocum said that there was a committee meeting on August 10, 2023 regarding a gentleman at 360 E. Michigan asking for a portion of his water bill be waived due to a land contract gone wrong. The owner was called and told to contact the committee once the property was back in his name.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Steve Micklin gave the monthly Zoning Administrator report. He reported that construction began at 100 S. State. He is disappointed in the progress on Cook Street. It looks like more items are being brought in instead of it being cleaned up. He is working with councilperson Halverson regarding changing ordinances.

Unfinished Business: Island Tree Removal Item was tabled under next month's meeting.

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Herin (motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Resolution #2023-10 from Huntington Bank reflecting signature change.

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

Nays:

Motion by Herin Seconded by Halverson (motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Resolution #2023-11 paying Gustafson in the amount of \$21,094.00.

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

Nays: Smith

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to accept Dixon Engineering's quote for water tower inspections and cleaning in the amount of \$4,500.00.

Discussion: Halverson inquired why it was an estimated cost. President Farber stated that if anything was found during the inspection that needed to be addressed, a special meeting would be called to address additional fees.

ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to purchase picnic tables to be used at the Dam Park and on the Island not to exceed \$15,000.00 using the ARPA funds.

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

Nays:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to purchase four basketball backstops for the Sports Park not to exceed \$2,000.00 using the ARPA funds.

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

Nays:

Public Comments: David Huntley stated that he had low water pressure after the hydrants were flushed last week but it returned to normal pressure on the same day. Steve Micklin stated that Newfield Township would be having a Fall Clean up day scheduled on September 9, 2023. Nancy Conley, Newfield Township Clerk, gave an update on the new recycling center and is hopeful that it will open in September 2023.

Miscellaneous: Herin asked for an update on the MDOT grant for paving the streets. President Farber said that himself and Clerk Burrell are working on the bid tabs for MDOT. Herin inquired about striping of the streets and Farber replied that it will be done after the streets are paved. Halverson discussed the low bid that she received from a tree removal company. Joan David, Newfield Township Supervisor, gave her recommendation for Robert Smith to remove trees and said he did excellent work. She asked for the village to consider giving him a little extra for his great work since his bid was very low. She said that he was professional and goes above and beyond and that he is licensed and insured. Smith commented that if a company is willing to have the tree removed, to make a decision soon and get the job completed. Herin inquired about Oceana County Sheriff patrolling the village. McDonald and Farber responded by stating that they signed a contract earlier this year and are starting to pick up shifts for the village. Smith inquired about the status of the extra equipment the village has. Farber said the list is still being compiled.

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

Motion to adjourn

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Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk

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