
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
October 09, 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, Ben Kladder, Steven Styx, Terry Beardsley, Jr., Jane Bostrom, and Katie Love.

Set the Agenda:

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Bostrom (motion CARRIED)
Motion to set the agenda as presented.
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 Regular Council Meeting held on September 11, 2023.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Halverson (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on September 26, 2023.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for September 2023 in the amount of \$66,590.33
Discussion: Herin inquired about the Newaygo Plumbing invoice. President Farber explained it was for the work done at 194 N. Division and 64 E. Michigan. He also mentioned that approximately five more homes would be worked on in November.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence: President Farber reported that H & S Companies had completed the audit for FY 2022/2023 and we received a favorable response. The originals would be received in the following days and would be given to the members. Slocum said that she had received a call from Sally Kraley regarding putting a Library box in Weaver Park. She said that this is a good idea and said that it would be placed there in the spring.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that a meeting had been held in September and that seasonal employee, Joe Schmiedeknecht was working out very well. She stated that he was going above and beyond his job duties and the committee would like to raise his wage. He is a seasonal employee who would work from April through November. McDonald reported that a meeting was held on October 5, 2023 to approve the monthly invoices for September.

Ordinance: Halverson reported that she has left several messages for our attorney, John Schrier with questions on how to proceed in changing the ordinances. She will keep trying.

Parks: Halverson reported that the tree work on the island was half way completed. She will follow up. President Farber stated that Mike Seng has been working on repairing and painting the dugouts at the sports field. He reported that the picnic tables had been put together and placed in the pavilion at the dam and in the gazebos.

Technology & Grants:

Water & Sewer: President Farber reported that the sewer site pumping station had been worked on and that some sewage had been pumped out. He reported that the DPW would be flushing the hydrants one more time sometime in the next few weeks, making it a total of three times for the year.

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam: President Farber reported that the repairs at the dam had been completed and the footing was holding well. The boards were put back in and the water has risen to the regular height. More work will be done in the spring on the spillway on the north side.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Steve Micklin gave the monthly Zoning Administrator report. He reported that he had issued one permit and had a few less complaints this month. He reported that he started court action on one property but he will not go further with it because the property had been sold. He will be sending three more addresses to the attorney for discussion. Properties that had mowing issues mostly have been resolved.

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to set Halloween Trick or Treat hours for Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the proposals from Hydro Corp for a two year contract in the amount of \$21,168.00.
Discussion: President Farber explained that the cross connection program is mandatory in Michigan and in the absence of a DPW director, Hydro Corp would manage that program for the village.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:

Motion by Slocum Seconded by McDonald (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the quotes from Great Lake Pet Fencing to repair the fence at the sports field in the amount of \$3,513.31 using the ARPA funds.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:

Motion by Slocum Seconded by Smith (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the proposal from Fleis & VandenBrink for preliminary work on the DWSRF grant in the amount of \$112,700.
Discussion: Herin asked if the village had been approved for the grant? Ben Kladder from Fleis & VandenBrink said that the final version of the report should be released in the next week. Kladder explained that if the priority points happen to change on the application, the village could stop the scope of the work and would only be billed for the work already completed. Kladder explained that Bakertilly and Dickinson Wright would not charge any of their fees until August 2024.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Bostrom

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to accept the proposal from Bakertilly, Financial Advisors, in the amount of \$19,500 and if needed, an additional \$9,500 for the Bond Anticipation Note.

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

Nays:

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to accept the proposal from Dickinson Wright, Bond Attorney, in the amount of \$25,000 and if needed, an additional \$9,500 for the Bond Anticipation Note.

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

Nays:

Public Comments:

Katie Love commented that there were a lot of streets that were not completed last year and that there is a pothole out in front of her home on Cook Street. David Huntley asked the council if anyone had received any information in the mail regarding becoming a sanctuary village. He said to read any materials received carefully.

Miscellaneous:

President Farber commented that a Work Session needs to be held and it would be scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2023.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk

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