
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
November 13, 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, Joann Borgman, Steve Micklin, Al Seng, Kay Seng, Joan David, Lil Eitnrear, Bill Milner, Debra Pagan, Tammie Nguyen and Ben Kladder

Amend the Agenda:

Motion by McDonald **seconded** by Bostrom (motion CARRIED)
Motion to amend the agenda to remove Item 4 under Section A, DWSRF Milestone Intent.
ALL IN FAVOR

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 9, 2023.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Halverson (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Work Session held on October 16, 2023.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on October 24, 2023.
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Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for October 2023 in the amount of \$114,815.74
Discussion: Herin asked what the invoice for Park Warehouse was for. It was for bleachers that were purchased for the Sports Park. He also inquired what the invoice was for the Quality Inn. Clerk Burrell said it was for a DPW employee who attended a Sewer Class.

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Announcements/Correspondence: President Farber said that a letter was received from the Newfield Township Clerk thanking the council for their support of the new recycling center. McDonald said that Peggy Miller would like to thank the council as she enjoyed her time working for the village. She also thanked the council for the mum plant she received.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that a meeting was held on November 2, 2023 for employee reviews and a meeting was held on November 9, 2023 for employee reviews and to review monthly invoices. McDonald discussed the contract with American Classic dumpster and suggested the following changes: Page 2, change number of residents to 350; page 5, change contract dates to be from March 2024 to February 2026; Page 8, add return dumpster on April 1st. She commented that this item is coming up on the agenda.

Ordinance:

Parks: Halverson reported that the tree work on the island is almost complete and that a lot of the ARPA projects are being completed as well. Halverson reported that she checked out the cameras at Weaver Park and they may need to be adjusted. President Farber stated that the mulch was placed at both Weaver and Webster Parks.

Technology & Grants:

Water & Sewer: Slocum said a meeting was held regarding potential well sites. Farber said he will reach out to home owners. Slocum reported that the committee is requesting 6 months of meter reads from the mobile home park to help determine future sewer rates.

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Zoning Administrator Report: Micklin reported that he had 9 calls from out of town residents requiring about permits or properties. No permits were issued. Two reports were filed with the court; one property on Cook Street and one on Division Street. The reports were returned by the court because Civil Infractions need to be delivered as personal service. He delivered the one on Cook Street. There is one property on Winter Street that the owner has not responded and/or not home to receive the certified mail request. Micklin is following up with the Ordinance Committee and our attorney for changes to the ordinance from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction which can be delivered via mail.

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to open up the discussion for the D.W.S.R.F. with Fleis & VandenBrink

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Ben Kladder from Fleis & VandenBrink discussed the options that village had regarding the changes from the State of Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) draft and final report. The village would receive 1.229 million dollars less in the final Intended Use Plan.

Option 1 would be to reduce the scope of the project and Option 2 would be to design the watermain project as planned, to see if additional monies would be awarded from EGLE.

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to have Fleis & VandenBrink design the full scope of the water project as originally proposed.

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

Nays:

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to accept the proposal from Fleis & VandenBrink for engineering costs for the D.W.S.R.F. in the amount of \$1,086,800.00

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

Nays:

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to adopt Resolution # 2023-13 to purchase, acquire and construct improvements to the water supply system and to publish notice of intent to issue revenue bonds.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum (motion RESCINDED)
Motion to accept the two year contract from American Classic Dumpster for trash removal services with the changes outlined in committee reports.
Discussion: Slocum discussed the last paragraph on Page 2. After much discussion, McDonald rescinded the motion and will reach out to the village's attorney for clarification.

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the proposal from Leica Geosystems not to exceed \$7,000.00
Discussion: Fleis & VandenBrink supplied three options for a GIS/GPS tracking device to help locate the water mains and meters more accurately. Ben Kladder stated that his company uses the Leica device. It has sub centimeter detection and is the most accurate. President Farber said he suggested purchasing the one with the most accuracy because it can make a huge difference in locating a water main during the winter months.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:

Motion by Slocum Seconded by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the proposal from Fleis & VandenBrink to help setup the GIS/GPS device and for support in the amount of \$4,500.00
Discussion: McDonald asked about the AGO creator account for \$550.00 annually and for the ESRI account for \$765.00. It was explained that yes, the above accounts would need to be created in order to get the device set up and they would be annual contracts similar to a cell phone account.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays: McDonald

Motion by Herin Seconded by Bostrom (motion CARRIED)
Motion to authorize Fleis & Vandenbrink and GEI Consultants to prepare a grant pre-application for the EGLE Dam Risk Reduction Grant Program, requesting funding for a feasibility study for evaluation and rehabilitation of the Hesperia Dam with a budget of \$300,000. As part of the application the Village will request a 10 percent local match to the grant.
Discussion: President Farber reported that he had meet with GEI, Fleis & VandenBrink and the Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding a grant that would cost around \$30,000 that Department of Fish & Wildlife might help out with. The evaluation would include looking at the spillways, sludge, backwaters, hydraulics and wildlife.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:

Public Comments:

Al Seng commented that when Herb Brickey was village president, approximately 25 years ago, a motion was made that if the area west of the river was ever developed, it would need to be connected to the water/sewer system. David Huntley commented that a property near him has a lot of junk, tarps, extra vehicles, etc. and there has been no improvement since he made his original complaint 6 months ago. Debra Pagan commented that when the village had work done last week from Newaygo Plumbing, that out of respect for the homeowners, they should have been notified. One of their trucks was parked in the middle of the road for several hours.

Miscellaneous:

Slocum asked for an update on the emergency siren. Farber said that a company looked at it and took the parts back to their office for repair.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

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Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk