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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
December 11, 2023  
7:30 PM

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**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, Joyce McDonald, Jackie Slocum, Jim Smith, Mike Farber  
Members Absent: Dan Herin

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

**Set the Agenda:**

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

Motion to accept the agenda as presented.

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Herin

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

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

Motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on November 13, 2023.

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Herin

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

Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 13, 2023.

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Herin

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

Motion to approve payment of invoices for November 2023 in the amount of \$122,121.45

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Herin

**Announcements/Correspondence:** Halverson stated that she had met a lady in town that commented on how nice Hesperia was and how she liked everyone she met. President Farber introduced Fleis and VandenBrink and Jon Moxey gave an overview of the D.W.S.R.F. project and said there were three items that the village needed to take action on at this council meeting; select Delivery Method, select amount to set Bond Anticipation Note and authorize village president to sign the D.W.S.R.F. Milestone Intent. Ben Kladder gave a recap of how the project was currently going including the additional \$283,000 additional funds that was awarded to the village under the low interest loan. He commented about water service and well sites and emphasized how critical finding a potential well site is. He said that there was some positive feedback from one of the property owners and it will be researched further with soil testing, etc. Bob Wilcox from the construction portion of the Fleis & Vandenbrink team gave a presentation on the delivery method options that the village has for the project. They included 4 options with the two most popular being Design-Bid-build and Progressive-Design-Build. He described in detail the pros and cons of each option were and said that most projects were moving towards Progressive-Design Build option and that was the preferred method.

Jon Moxey commented that there is an aggressive schedule and fast progress needs to be made. He said that the bidding would begin in May and some construction could possibly start as early as October, 2024. Jon commented that Rescom would start doing some field work and MTX would start doing soil borings started around December 26, 2023. He said that Fleis & VandenBrink would have the final version of the DWSRF Milestone Intent ready for President Farber's signature prior to the deadline on December 21, 2023.

**Committee Reports:**

**A.R.P.A.:**

**Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:**

**Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance):** McDonald reported that a meeting was held on December 7, 2023 to review monthly invoices.

**Ordinance:** Halverson reported that she had received comments back from legal counsel regarding changes to Chapter 91 Nuisances. She stated that a committee meeting would be held and the ordinance changes would be on the agenda for a future meeting. President Farber said he would like a public hearing scheduled prior to the council meeting.

**Parks:** Halverson reported that the tree work has not been completed and will get an update for the council before the next meeting. She also mentioned that some of the shingles from the gazebo on the island had come off.

**Technology & Grants:** Halverson asked if she needed to have council approval to apply for a grant that had no match. President Farber said it would be OK for her to apply. She said it would help with the master plan.

**Water & Sewer:**

**Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:**

**Zoning Administrator Report:** Micklin reported that there were no new permits were issued. He said that complaints are dropping from previous months. He said one complaint was resolved and one complaint went to the attorney for review. The property on Cook Street had a court arraignment scheduled on November 27<sup>th</sup> and the defendant failed to appear. A just cause hearing is scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup> and if the defendant does not appear, the court will issue a bench warrant. Micklin reported that he has been unable to contact the owner of the property on Winter Street and was advised by legal counsel that the citation can be served to the tenant.

**Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum**

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to accept the contract from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026 from American Classic Dumpster.

Discussion: McDonald reported that the areas of concern from the previous meeting were addressed with Scott Gardner from American Classic and the new contract was included in the council packets.

Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, McDonald, Slocum, Farber

Nays: Smith

Absent: Herin

**Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum**

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to accept the Progressive Design Build delivery method for the D.W.S.R.F. project as presented by Fleis & VandenBrink

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

Nays:

Absent: Herin

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to authorize Village President, Mike Farber, to sign the D.W.S.R.F. Milestone Schedule prepared by Fleis & VandenBrink.  
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber  
Nays:  
Absent: Herin

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to direct the bond attorney to advertise for a \$2.5 million dollar Bond Anticipation Note.  
Discussion: McDonald inquired if this was loan for the total project. It was explained that this is a type of bridge loan to get the village through to the grant closing date in August.  
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber  
Nays:  
Absent: Herin

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to adopt Resolution # 2023-14 amending the Village of Hesperia 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget for shortages in the water fund.  
Discussion: President Farber commented that the majority of budget amendment was for the five service lines that were replaced in November by Newaygo Plumbing. He commented that a committee meeting will need to be held to discuss how much a homeowner will be charged for a new service installation.  
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber  
Nays:  
Absent: Herin

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to accept the contract from the Newaygo County Sherriff's Office for 2024  
Discussion: McDonald said that the contract in the past has always been verbal, but the county commissioners are requesting a written contract for the upcoming year. The N.C.S.O. has been providing patrols over the average of 48 hours per week for the village in 2023. The amount per hour went up from around \$52.00 per hour to \$58.39 per hour. They are still looking to provide the village a fulltime officer but are still under staffed.  
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber  
Nays:  
Absent: Herin

**Public Comments:**

Steve Micklin gave an update on the new construction home on South Street. He also commented that Jeff Hunt and Slate Properties had received monies to help with the housing shortage. Halverson inquired about the property 38 N. Division and it was stated that Big Skinny's Pretzels are moving into the building. President Farber said that he had spoke to Kyle Holland from Oceana Gardens and that construction work should start on the building at 185 N. Division sometime in early January.

**Miscellaneous:**

McDonald announced that the village offices would be closed on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and on Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. President Farber announced that the 2024 council meeting dates will be posted on the memo boards, website and in the Oceana Herald Journal and that the committee assignments will remain the same and if someone wanted to change, to speak with him.

President Farber also commented that there was a water main break under M-20 near Spruce Street. Verbal permits were given by the State of Michigan and work was done on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and finished on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The work included boring under the road and creating a new 6 inch main due to lots of boulders under the street. President Farber said that he had spoken with the landowner near Weaver Park and he was receptive to the village having some testing done for a potential new well. Slocum commented that MDOT agreed to install No Jake Brakes signs and an ordinance should be created with a suggested fine amount of \$250.00.

McDonald asked the clerk if the ordinance revisions had been reviewed. Clerk Burrell said that she had completed some but not all. McDonald suggested asking for an extension.

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Herin

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell  
Hesperia Village Clerk

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