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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 8, 2024  
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, Dan Herin, Joyce McDonald, Jackie Slocum, Jim Smith, Mike Farber

**Also present:** Clerk Burrell, Joann Borgman, Steve Micklin, Nancy Conley, Jane Bostrom, David Huntley, Roger Swets and Ben Kladder

**Set the Agenda:**

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to accept the agenda as presented.  
ALL IN FAVOR

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Smith (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 11, 2023.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to approve payment of invoices for December 2023 in the amount of \$94,019.53.  
Discussion: Halverson inquired what the invoice for desk legs was for. They are for the new configuration of the treasurer’s desk. Herin inquired about the invoice for the Oceana County Sherriff’s Office. Farber commented on the invoices for the water main break in December on South Street.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

Slocum was contacted by Scott Kroppel about getting a sponsorship to have a live feed camera at the dam. Farber reported that GEI Consultants and Fish and Wildlife are possibly interested in paying our 10% (\$30,000.00) for the grant application for the dam. He said it was also discussed that Fish and Wildlife might be interested in funding the cost of a total dam replacement. More meetings will be held in the future.

**Committee Reports:**

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

**Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:**

**Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance):** McDonald reported that a meeting was held on January 4, 2024 to review monthly invoices and to discuss changes to Sections 205, 210, 215 and 230 in the employee handbook. It was brought to the committee’s attention that there were some minor contradictions regarding which vacation, holiday, sick and personal days could be accrued towards time worked. The proposed changes would make it clear which time would be allowed for hours accrued towards time worked.

**Ordinance:**

**Parks:**

**Technology & Grants:**

**Water & Sewer:**

**Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:**

**Zoning Administrator Report:** Micklin reported that he has received some calls regarding inquires from out of town people who are interested in moving to the village,. He said that complaints have dropped off. He has sent some letters out. He said that there had been an arraignment for the house of Cook Street. The pretrial is set for January 17, 2024. Micklin said that the paperwork had been sent in for the house on Winter Street. He would like a court resolution for that residence sometime in February. Micklin gave the annual report for 2023. He said a total of 9 permits were given and approximately \$224,000.00 invested in the village. There were 22 complaints. 84 letters had been sent out and there were 5 citations issued. Two complaints are in the process of going through the courts.

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

Motion to adopt Resolution #2024-01 to authorize the issuance of a Bond Anticipation Note.

Discussion: Herin inquired about the sale of the BAN for the D.W.S.R.F. project. Roger Swets from Dickinson Wright said that the sale would end tomorrow at 11:00 AM. The bid would be awarded to the bank with the lowest interest rate.

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

Nays:

Absent:

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance #2024-01 to amend a portion of Chapter 91 Nuisances

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

Nays:

Absent:

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

Motion to adopt Resolution #2024-02 amending the Village of Hesperia 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget

Discussion: Farber explained that this was for the water main break on South Street.

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

Nays:

Absent:

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

Motion to adopt the revisions to the Employee Handbook.

Discussion: The revisions were discussed under the Finance and Personnel Committee report earlier in the meeting.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**Public Comments:**

**Miscellaneous:** McDonald stated that there is a gentleman that drives a blue van that has been hanging around the library. The librarians are keeping an eye for any strange behavior from him. Farber asked Nancy Conley how the recycling center was going. She said that it is going very well and last week, the parking area was full of vehicles. Herin inquired about the new stop sign on State Street. Farber stated that a lot of the old signs are being replaced. He is working on getting all of the signs to be uniform. Borgman stated that the sweatshirts for council members were on order.

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

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Absent: Herin

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk