
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
February 12, 2024
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: Treasurer Joann Borgman, Steve Micklin, Nancy Conley, Steve Styx, David Huntley and Jane Bostrom.

Amend the Agenda:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to amend the agenda to remove item a. #2 Engineering Agreement.
ALL IN FAVOR

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on January 8, 2024.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Bostrom (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 8, 2024.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for January 2024 in the amount of \$51,876.92.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence: Slocum mentioned that there was some interest in putting horseshoe pits in Weaver Park to get kids involved. President Farber passed out the 30% Design Review Meeting Agenda from Fleis & VandenBrink. He asked how much the council wanted to be involved in making decisions regarding the D.W.S.R.F. grant. The council feels that President Farber can handle all aspects of the project unless it is a major decision. Farber will provide updates to the council on a monthly basis. A discussion was had regarding the two properties for the future well site. Mike asked to assign a committee; Slocum suggested that the Finance & Personnel Committee meet with the two property owners. President Farber reached out to Julie Burrell to help create a newsletter for the community to inform the residents about the D.W.S.R.F. grant project. President Farber touched base on the contracts signed by both Newaygo and Oceana counties regarding police services. Both counties will split shifts with Oceana County picking up more hours than in the past. It was stated that they both are currently under staffed.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance):

Ordinance:

Parks: Halverson reported the Robert Smith will start working on getting the tree removed from the island. Discussed options regarding live camera feed at dam. More research to be done.

Technology & Grants:

Water & Sewer:

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Zoning Administrator Report: Micklin reported that he had an inquiry about placing a modular home on Shaw Street. 1 permit was issued for 194 N. Division. The resident on Cook Street pled guilty at the pre trial and has 90 days to clean up the property.

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to award the potholing proposal from Custom HydroVac in the amount of \$46,955.00
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Smith (motion CARRIED)
Motion to sign the contract for police services for the Village of Hesperia from the Oceana County Sherriff's Department for 2024.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to submit a grant application to EGLE Dam Risk Reduction Grant Program, requesting funding for a feasibility study for evaluation and rehabilitation of the Hesperia Dam with a budget of \$300,000.00. As part of the application, the Village Hesperia will commit \$30,000 in matching funds from the General Fund.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:
Absent:

Public Comments: Nancy Conley said 'hats off' to the council for doing a great job. It is hard work and she suggested people should come to the meetings. Jane Bostrom commented that she has been hearing a lot of good comments about the village. David Huntley said he sees great council cooperation and this is why things are getting done. He asked who would pay for the cost of installing pipe from the street to the house. Mike Farber commented that the D.W.S.R.F. Grant would pay for that and that the water bills could increase around \$10.00 per month or so. Huntley asked if the village would change the pipes inside the house. Farber stated that the village will change the pipes from the main to 18" inside of the home. The rest of the interior pipes are the responsibility of the home owner. President Farber stated as a part of the grant, the water tower would be sealed on the inside and repainted with a new logo on the outside.

Miscellaneous:

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Smith (motion CARRIED)
Motion to adjourn
ALL IN FAVOR
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk