
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
March 11, 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: Clerk Burrell, Treasurer Borgman, Steve Micklin, Nancy Conley, Jane Bostrom, David Huntley, Jon Moxey and Doug Klann.

Amend the Agenda:

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

Motion to amend the agenda to add item b. Chicken Ordinance under new business.

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

Nays: Smith

Absent:

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

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

Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 12, 2024.

ALL IN FAVOR

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

Motion to approve payment of invoices for February 2024 in the amount of \$71,108.30.

ALL IN FAVOR

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

Motion to approve payment of invoices for the DWSRF BAN project in the amount of \$498,541.00.

Discussion: President Farber said this additional motion going forward would keep track of all payments for the DWSRF Project. McDonald said that she would like all of these invoices to be treated as a utility and be paid prior to the council meeting. President Farber agreed to sign off on the invoices for the DWSRF Project.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Announcements/Correspondence: President Farber introduced Jon Moxey and Doug Klann from Fleis & VandenBrink. Doug presented the contract for Fleis & VandenBrink Construction that will need to be signed at the next council meeting. The council did not have any questions. Clerk Burrell will send the contract to Parmenter Law for review. President Farber touched base with Jon Moxey about the Open House for the DWSRF project scheduled for March 23, 2024. He encouraged all of the residents to attend and help celebrate the \$20 million grant the village received from the State of Michigan Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance):

Ordinance: Halverson and Farber talked about the Engine Brake ordinance and said that it has been sent to the lawyer for review.

Parks:

Technology & Grants: Halverson reported that she researched some options for cameras at the dam. She will do further research and report back to council.

Water & Sewer:

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Zoning Administrator Report: Micklin reported that he had six inquiries about properties in the village. He said that he had a few inquiries about chickens. He met with the owner at Shaw Street and M-20 regarding a new modular home and sewer and water hookups. President Farber said that he had spoken to Baker Tilly and they said that the village should never have to pay for a new water/sewer hookup. President Farber stated that some of the invoices were around \$10,000. He said that Baker Tilly will work up some language to be added to the ordinance regarding new hook up fees plus materials and labor. Steve Micklin said that there was a pretrial hearing regarding the house on Winter Street. He has sent letters out to property owners regarding violations and has had no response. He was contacted by the owners of the campground located in the village. They will present a site plan to the committee for review.

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to have the village clerk create a new fund in the budget, #592 for the DWSRF Water Project.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion FAILED)

Motion to reintroduce the Chicken Ordinance

Discussion: Herin stated that there is already an ordinance in place that allows chicken with certain guidelines from property lines and buildings. McDonald stated that this would be a total separate ordinance that would be only for chickens. President Farber read the proposed ordinance. McDonald said that six people in the village have inquired about having a chicken ordinance.

Yeas: McDonald, Slocum, Farber

Nays: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, Smith

Absent:

Public Comments: David Huntley inquired about waterfowl including geese, ducks and peacock.

McDonald replied the current ordinance states that chickens, geese and other fowl are allowed if the property parameters are met.

Miscellaneous: President Farber mentioned the Open House on March 23, 2024 and asked the audience and council to attend. Herin had a question about the potential well sites. President Farber stated that they had verbal agreements on them and they were contingent on the results of the test wells.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum
Motion to adjourn
ALL IN FAVOR
Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

(motion CARRIED)

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk

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