
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
April 8, 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, David Huntley, Jane Bostrom, Nancy Conley, Dane Ward, Tim Beebe, Jack VanGessel and others not listed.

Set the Agenda:

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

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Halverson (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 11, 2024.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Bostrom (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on March 21, 2024.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on March 21, 2024.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for March 2024 in the amount of \$28,967.88.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by **Seconded** by (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for the DWSRF BAN project in the amount of \$229,781.00.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence:

President Farber introduced Tim Beebe who is the surveyor representing River Rock Campground. He gave a presentation to the council regarding proposed changes to the existing campground. They are asking for preliminary approval of the conceptual plan to adjust the property line that was presented to the village at this meeting. They are in negotiations with the property owner to the west of the campground to purchase the property. The council stated that until the property was purchased, no approval for adjustments would be made. Mr. Beebe stated that they are not asking for final approval from the council at this point and it was made clear that the council would not be making any final decisions regarding any revisions or issuing any variances or special use permits at this time.

It was the consensus of the council to give preliminary approval for River Rock Campground to move forward with obtaining the proper permits, etc. and they could work with Steve Micklin, Zoning Administrator for the Village of Hesperia. President Farber mentioned that there was a ground breaking ceremony scheduled for April 15th at 1:00 for the Vida Weaver Park Pavilion. He also mentioned that the Hesperia High School Senior Class had a community service day early in April and it went very well. He stated that Hesperia Beautification members as well as the DPW staff worked together to clean up the parks and put down new mulch in the flower beds. He thanked everyone for their help.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald said that a meeting was held on March 14 regarding the FY 2024/2025 Budget and the budget was approved after a Public Hearing at a Special Council Meeting on March 21, 2024. There was another meeting held on April 4, 2024 to approve invoices and discuss wage increases for village personnel.

Ordinance: Halverson said that the ordinance for Engine Braking would be introduced under new business.

Parks:

Technology & Grants:

Water & Sewer:

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Zoning Administrator Report: Micklin reported that there was a new permit for a new home in the South Branch subdivision. There might be another one in the near future on Shaw Street. He gave an update regarding the court case for the house on Winter Street. He said that the pre agreement with the home owner on Cook Street is coming to an end soon. Another hearing will be scheduled. Micklin said that he will be sending letters to a few new properties identified for ordinance violations. He talked about revising the ordinance regarding fee schedules. He stated that the village should not have to absorb the cost of special meeting and hearings. He will meet with the ordinance committee and put together an ordinance for the council to review.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to accept the proposal from Flies & VandenBrink Construction Phase #3 for the D.W.S.R.F. project in the amount of \$463,300.00.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to re-appoint Vicki Burrell as the Village Clerk for a two year term ending in April 2026.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to appoint Joann Borgman as Village Treasurer for a two year term ending in April 2026.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to increase Joann Borgman's wage to be \$19.75 per hour.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to increase Vicki Burrell's wages to be \$22.08 per hour.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to increase Ursula Syers's wages to be \$12.73 per hour.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to increase Dustin Homfeld's wages to be \$19.09 per hour.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to increase Donald Homfeld's wages to be \$15.91 per hour.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to increase Joe Schmiedknecht's wages to be \$14.00 per hour.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to increase the village council wages from \$40.00 per meeting to \$50.00 per meeting.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to give increase the village president's wages from \$200.00 per month to \$250.00 per month and from \$30.00 per meeting to \$40.00 per meeting. Mileage would stay the same.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to leave the wage for the Street Administrator at \$1,000.00 per year.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to appoint President Farber to a two year term as Street Administrator.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to have the Hesperia Village Treasurer, Joann Borgman move \$500,000.00 of the D.W.S.R.F. money to open a new checking account at Huntington Bank. The remaining BAN money in the Shelby State Bank account will be moved once checks for the new account are printed. This account will have three signatures: Joann Borgman, Vicki Burrell and Joyce McDonald. The account will be solely used for the D.W.S.R.F. project and will be closed upon completion of the project.
Discussion: Herin stated that he would not recommend Huntington Bank for business use.
Yeas: Bostrom, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays: Halverson, Herin

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the proposal from M. Seng Enterprise in the amount of \$106,222.33
Discussion: Herin asked if additional bids were received. A motion was made in 2023 to have M. Seng Enterprise be the contractor for the Vida Weaver Park Pavilion.
Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Smith, Farber
Nays:

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion FAILED)

Motion to purchase a digital sign in the amount of \$1,147.00.

Discussion: A proposal was received by Jansma Consulting to install a sign on the wall in the main office that would scroll announcements, etc. Halverson said that the Technology Committee would look into some free apps and other less expensive options.

Yeas:

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

Motion by Halverson **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Ordinance #2024-02 use of Engine Compression Brakes

Discussion: President Farber said that he would contact the MDOT office in Cadillac to have them installed signs on M-20 and M-120.

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

Nays:

Public Comments:

Miscellaneous:

President Farber said the he was meeting MDOT on Thursday regarding changing the lane pattern by the school on M-20 from four lanes to two lanes and one center lane. McDonald talked about the annual car show that happens in Weaver Park in May. She said that they have split off into two groups and the second group would like to have a small swap meet by their cars. She was curious if it would be considered a special event.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk