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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 10, 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, Treasurer Borgman, Steve Micklin, Jane Bostrom, Eric Fox and Deana Fox.

**Set the Agenda:**

**Motion** by Herin **Seconded** by Halverson (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 May 13, 2024.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Motion** by Herin **Seconded** by Bostrom (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to accept the minutes of the Work Session held on June 4, 2024.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion RESCINDED)  
Motion to approve payment of invoices for May 2024 in the amount of \$105,420.46.  
Discussion: Herin inquired why the check for the property purchase was on the check register twice. After discussion, McDonald rescinded her motion.

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to approve payment of invoices for May 2024 in the amount of \$43,678.46  
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 \$339,772.00.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

President Farber mentioned that the kick off meeting for grant from EGLE regarding the risk reduction program should be held in the coming months.

**Committee Reports:**

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

**Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:**

**Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance):** McDonald reported that a meeting was held on June 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss options with Choice One bank; another meeting was held on June 20<sup>th</sup> with Shelby State Bank. President Farber stated that it was a productive meeting and they are working on repairing the relationship with the bank.

**Ordinance:** Halverson reported that a meeting was held and water and sewer hookup fees were discussed along with demo permits, and annual resolution for the new fee schedule.

**Parks:**

**Technology & Grants:**

**Water & Sewer:** Slocum reported that a meeting had been held regarding hookup fees and the recommendation was to have the home owners be charged for all labor and materials going forward. President Farber stated that a pre-bid meeting had been held on June 4<sup>th</sup> with Fleis & VandenBrink and a lot of vendors showed and are interested in bidding the project. He said that the bids would be opened at another meeting scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

**Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:**

**Zoning Administrator Report:** Micklin reported that three permits had been issued and more complaints are coming in on violations. He sent eight letters to home owners in violation. He is working with the attorney on a commercial property on Division Street. He sent three letters with no response. He is also seeing some progress with the house on Hawley and one on the east side of Winter. The house on the west side of Winter Street is awaiting a jury trial date.

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

Motion to adopt the Village of Hesperia Millage rate of 13.4058 as presented.

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

Nays:

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

Motion to have two rate increases for water rates on January 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026

Discussion: Herin inquired if we could have an increase now and then start in January. A discussion was had at the work session and two increases would be easier for our residents versus having three or four increases.

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

Nays:

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

Motion to choose the 30 year loan for the D.W.S.R.F. project.

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

Nays:

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

Motion to pay all DPW employees double time for all hours worked on Thursday, July 4, 2024.

Discussion: Herin inquired if it was only for the Fourth. President Farber responded that it was only for the holiday.

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

Nays:

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to purchase fireworks for the fourth of July fireworks display

Discussion: President Farber said that this motion was made to inquire if the council wanted to purchase fireworks for the display. He commented that Fleis & VandenBrink would be making a \$1,500.00 donation to the Chamber on behalf of the village. Herin inquired what the total goal was. It was mentioned that it was \$20,000.00 but the cost per year was around \$12,000 to \$15,000. Halverson asked if anyone knew what the chamber was doing to raise funds. President Farber said that they ask for donations from their members and from the public.

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

Nays:

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

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to purchase fireworks in the amount of \$1,500.00.

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

Nays:

**Public Comments:**

Eric Fox introduced himself and said that he was running for Probate Judge for Oceana County. He has been a long time resident of Oceana County and has been practicing law since 1994. He thanked the council for their time. Steve Micklin commented that there would be a Newfield Township planning commission meeting soon and that it does include parts of the village in the Master Plan.

**Miscellaneous:**

Jackie Slocum said that she attended the downtown business meeting last week and talked about building art. There are plans to get an estimate for painting the side of Ed's Orchard Market. Also, it was discussed that Baldwin had painted their crosswalks with art. Jackie Slocum and Julie Burrell are working on possibly getting some grants for other art in Hesperia. President Farber mentioned that there were two volunteers doing community service hours. One would be repairing and staining the dam boardwalk and the other would be painting fire hydrants. The tree on the island was brought up and Stephanie Halverson will look into a new company called CHOP to see if it is something they can do while they are in town. Jackie Slocum stated that she has the new keys to the Dog Waste station and will give them to Clerk Burrell to have stored in the key box.

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

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk

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