
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
September 9, 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 Borgman, Steve Micklin, Eileen Homan, Carol Kochans, Gail Tilly, David Huntley, Jane Bostrom, Jen (Thomas) Nearanz, Kevin Hunt, Sheri Hunt, Debra Pagan, Tamie Nguyen, Joan David, Dennis David, Nancy Conley, Sally Kraley, Jeff Hren, Jim Draper, Carrie Draper and family, Lil Eitinear and Jessica Elenbaas.

Set the Agenda:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to amend the agenda to remove Item C., 337 E. South Avenue and replace with Capital Campaign Vida Weaver Park.
ALL IN FAVOR

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by Halverson **Seconded** by Smith **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 12, 2024.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve payment of invoices for August 2024 in the amount of \$197,387.48
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence:

President Farber presented the annual report for the Hesperia Community Library. Peggy Campbell is the representative for the village. He announced the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Vida Weaver Park Pavilion.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald stated that a meeting was held with our current liability insurance carrier from Ted Hartleb Insurance going over the renewal for next year. A meeting was had with American Classic Dumpster regarding a few issues with over filled dumpsters and some traffic issues. A meeting was held on September 5, 2024 to approve invoices.

Ordinance:

Parks:

Technology & Grants:

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Water & Sewer: A meeting was held on September 5, 2024 to discuss hook up and reconnect fees. President Farber to review ordinances.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Micklin reported that he had three inquires and two permits were issued. He updated the council on the court cases.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Smith

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to approve the Fleis & VandenBrink Construction Step 2 Agreement and authorize President Mike Farber to sign on behalf of the village.

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

Nays:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Bostrom

(motion CARRIED)

Motion for payment to American Classic Dumpster for services rendered to Newfield Township for the recycling center for \$1,800.00

Discussion: President Farber invited Nancy Conley from Newfield Township to speak on behalf of the recycling center. She said that Newfield Township appreciated the village's continued support.

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

Nays:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to accept the check for the Vida Weaver Park Capital Campaign from Hesperia Beautification in the amount of \$35,750.00.

Discussion: President Farber accepted the check from Sally Kraley, President of Hesperia Beautification. A lot of hard work went into this project and he thanked everyone on the capital campaign committee. He gave a re-cap of the project including the ground breaking earlier this year and the ribbon cutting ceremony on September 20, 2024. He stated that the area had been back filled with dirt and had been hydro seeded. He said that the village will continue to work on making improvements to Vida Weaver Park including expanding the current parking area and possible sidewalks.

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

Nays:

Public Comments:

David Huntley inquired about the wooded area between his house and the village's intention to cut it down. He stated that he would like it to remain. He also stated that the neighboring property needed to be cleaned up. Jim Draper introduced himself from the Hesperia Antique and Curio. He talked about some of the citations that were issued on his building and President Farber stated that as long as Mr. Draper makes an effort to improve the state of the buildings by boarding it up, etc., the village is willing to work with him. There were many comments made on this subject. Debra Pagan inquired about the potholes between Wesco and Hesperia Hardware store. It was suggested she contact Hesperia Hardware to see about maintenance on that area.

Miscellaneous:

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by Smith

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk

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