
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
October 14, 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, Steve Micklin, Jane Bostrom, Jen (Thomas) Nearanz, Kevin Hunt, Sheri Hunt, Joan David, Dennis David, Nancy Conley, Steve Styx, Scott Rumsey and Terry Beardsley

Amend the Agenda:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion **CARRIED**)
Motion to amend the agenda to include Property Line Adjustment on Adams as Item d., Snow Pusher as Item e. and Disabled Equipment bids as Item f.
ALL IN FAVOR

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Nancy Conley read letter on behalf of Hugh Conley from the Hesperia Sportman Club, stating that they wish to give approximately \$18,570.00 to the Village of Hesperia to be used a for a baseball diamond in the future.

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin (motion **CARRIED**)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 9, 2024.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion **CARRIED**)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for September 2024 in the amount of \$76,617.88.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence:

President Farber introduced Corinna Hervey from H & S Companies. She passed out the audit books to all of the council members. She reported that audit for FY 2023/2024 had been completed. She thanked the clerk and treasurer for all of their help in getting all of the documentation that was requested. The village received a favorable response, A + rating.

President Farber introduced Scott Hall from Fleis & VandenBrink and Andy Campbell from Bendzinski & Co. Scott gave a presentation on the improvements for W.W.T.P. and went over the scope of the project that would be done under the \$1,240,000 grant that we would receive from EGLE. The total project scope will be \$6,200,000 and the repayment loan would be for \$4,960,000. A letter of intent to issue revenue bonds would need to be approved at the next council meeting. Andy went over the rate study that was done and talked about how the sewer rates would need to be increased to help cover the cost of repaying the 1% interest loan. The council did not have any questions.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment: President Farber said that he would like to put some of the old equipment out for bids to be sold.

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that a meeting was held on September 13, 2024 to interview a DPW employee. A meeting was held on October 10, 2024 to approve the monthly invoices.

Ordinance: Halverson reported that a meeting was held on September 12, 2024 regarding hooking into our sewer system with a suggested cost of \$2,000. A hearing would need to be held and a resolution from council would need to be signed.

Marihuana: President Farber stated that a meeting was held on September 24, 2024 to renew the provisionary center license for RQ Detroit. The application was reviewed and there were no violations so the license was renewed for one year.

Parks:

Technology & Grants: McDonald inquired about the status of the cameras in the parks. Halverson reported that she had been in contact with President Farber and they were looking at where to locate the WiFi for Vida Weaver Park and may have to get a booster antenna and place it at the DPW. She said that she will be getting quotes from Wisner Electric. She also said that the Dam Cam would be soon be live.

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Water & Sewer: Slocum reported that a meeting was held on September 23, 2024 regarding setting a base amount to charge for re-connection fees. President Farber talked about the easement that was being worked on between Denver Township and the Village. There needs to be around 20 feet and Denver Township asked if the property line could be moved to the middle of the drain. Fleis & VandenBrink could have the lines redrawn so it reflects that the East side would belong to the village and the West side would belong to Denver Township. Denver Township will sign the easement that is needed to proceed with the water project.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Micklin reported that he had 4 people call about project and no permits were issued. He sent out 6 letters of notice of complaint. The trial for Winter Street was delayed to a future date. Legal Counsel is moving forward with civil infractions on the house on Winter Street.

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to set Halloween Trick or Treat hours for Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Herin

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to accept the donation of approximately \$18,570.00 put forth by Hugh Conley on behalf of the existing Hesperia Sportsman Club, to be used towards a baseball diamond to be placed on the new property purchased by the Village of Hesperia at 212 Adams Street. With the addition that a sign be placed on said baseball field telling of partial funding that came from the former Hesperia Sportsman Club.

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

Nays:

Motion by Slocum Seconded by Bostrom

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to accept the proposal from Mike Rosema Masonry to put in a sidewalk at Vida Weaver Park in the amount of \$3,800.00

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

Nays:

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjust the property lines between the Village of Hesperia and Denver Township to be at the center of the drain on Adams Street.

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

Nays:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to put unused equipment out for sealed bids and publish in the Oceana Herald Journal and the Times Indicator.

ALL IN FAVOR

Public Comments:

No comments

Miscellaneous:

President Farber stated that the Village had received a thank you letter from Newfield Township for supporting the recycling center. Herin said he would miss the November meeting because he would be traveling. The council and audience thanked Dan for his four years of serving on the council

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk

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