
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
January 13, 2025
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, Sheri Hunt, Joyce McDonald, Jennifer Nearanz, Jackie Slocum, Mike Farber

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Steve Micklin, Bob Smith, Jane Bostrom and Terry Beardsley.

Amend the Agenda:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Bostrom (motion CARRIED)
Motion to amend the agenda to include item e. MDOT Lane Reconfiguration South Avenue
ALL IN FAVOR

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 December 9, 2024.
Discussion: Clerk Burrell stated that council person Halverson had an excused absence for the December meeting
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for December 2024 in the amount of \$77,402.67.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for the D.W.S.R.F. project in the amount of \$137,711.13.
Discussion: President Farber stated that this was for an invoice for Northern Well.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence:

President Farber stated that the Hesperia Auto Parts store that been in business since 1976, had closed in December. A recognition certificate or letter would be sent to owner, Fred Scheffler, for being a part of the business community for so long.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald stated that a meeting was held on January 9, 2025 to review monthly invoices and to conduct a 30 day employee review for Todd Hren. A 90 day review will be held in March.

Ordinance: Halverson stated that she and Steve Micklin were working on updating the ordinances for the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities.

Marihuana:

Parks:

Technology & Grants: Halverson reported that Wisner Electric is working on the cameras for Vida Weaver Park.

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Water & Sewer:

Zoning Administrator Report:

Micklin reported that 1 permit had been issued last month making it a total of 14 for the year. Mikclin reported that there were complaint letters sent out and one complaint was resolved. He updated the council on the current court cases.

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum (motion CARRIED)

Motion to arrange for a Bond Anticipation Note for the C.W.S.R.F. project in the amount of \$425,000.00.

Discussion: President Farber explained that this was a bridge loan that would help pay the engineering costs until the grant paperwork is signed in September, 2025.

Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Hunt, McDonald, Nearanz, Slocum, Farber

Nays:

Motion by Slocum Seconded by McDonald (motion CARRIED)

Motion to accept the engagement letter from Bendzinski & Co for the C.W.S.R.F. project.

Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Hunt, McDonald, Nearanz, Slocum, Farber

Nays:

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Bostrom (motion CARRIED)

Motion to purchase a wire feed welder for the DPW not to exceed \$5,000.00

Discussion: President Farber said that there was a need for a wire feed welder at the DPW. He stated that welder was around \$3,800.00 and the tank and other supplies would cost around \$1,000.00. He stated that now repairs could be made in house. Nearanz questioned if there had ever been a welder in the past. President Farber said that yes, but no one knew the status of it after many years. It may have been unrepairable and not replaced.

Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Hunt, McDonald, Nearanz, Slocum, Farber

Nays:

Motion by Slocum Seconded by Bostrom (motion CARRIED)

Motion to enter into an agreement with Great Lakes Fishery Commission regarding a feasibility study for the Hesperia Dam and to authorize President, Mike Farber and Clerk, Vicki Burrell to sign said agreement.

Discussion: President Farber gave an overview of the agreement regarding the Hesperia Dam and explained that the agreement was for the GLFC to pay the 10% portion of the grant that was required from the village. Clerk Burrell stated that there would be a budget amendment at the next meeting to cover the \$300,000.00 for the feasibility study.

Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Hunt, McDonald, Nearanz, Slocum, Farber

Nays:

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Hunt (motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Resolution #2025-01 accepting Road Reconfigurations on South Avenue from Winter Street to East of Greenback Street for MDOT

Discussion: President Farber gave an overview of the project previously had with MDOT. Nearanz inquired if there would be space to walk on the side of the road. President Farber stated that he believed there would be.

Yeas: Bostrom, Halverson, Hunt, McDonald, Nearanz, Slocum, Farber

Nays:

Public Comments:

Miscellaneous:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum
Motion to adjourn
ALL IN FAVOR

(motion CARRIED)

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk