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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 9, 2025  
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, Sheri Hunt, Joyce McDonald, Jennifer Nearanz, Jackie Slocum, Mike Farber

**Also present:** Clerk Burrell, Joann Borgman, Steve Micklin, Todd Hren, Jane Bostrom, Rhonda Wright and Terry Beardsley Jr.

**Amend the Agenda:**

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to amend the agenda to include item e. DPW Locator  
ALL IN FAVOR

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Rhonda Wright from the Hesperia Area Chamber of Commerce spoke briefly on the Hesperia Fun Fest Fireworks and asked for a donation from the village. She stated that \$2,000 was made from a golf outing that some local citizens hosted. She said that the metrics from last year's event was around 18,800 visitors and the average time the visitors spent was around 2 hours and 24 minutes. The chamber has an annual goal of \$20,000 for the fireworks funds. This includes the cost of insurance, t-shirt for a fundraiser. They receive around \$1,300 in bottle return donations. Myles from Precision Pyro LLC has been doing the display for multiple years and does a fantastic job. She stated that the bridge has been put back in place so the second island can be accessed. She thanked the village for their time and for supporting the fireworks fund in the past.

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Bostrom (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on May 12, 2025.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Hunt (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 12, 2025.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Motion** by Bostrom **Seconded** by Nearanz (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on May 21, 2025.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Hunt (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to accept the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 21, 2025.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum** (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to approve payment of invoices for May 2025 in the amount of \$112,976.99.  
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 \$591,186.04  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum** (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to approve payment of invoices for the C.W.S.R.F. project in the amount of \$53,028.00.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

Jackie Slocum said that she had attended a downtown meeting and they were thinking about having an event called Hesperia Live and Local. She inquired about what type of permits they would need and if alcohol could be served. A discussion was had about where alcohol could be served and having a special permit.

**Committee Reports:**

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

**Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:**

**Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance):** McDonald reported that a meeting had been held on June 5, 2025 to approve invoices for May.

**Ordinance:**

**Parks:** Halverson reported that she had meet with Colin from Wisner Electric and everything is ready for the cameras to be installed. She will coordinate with the DPW.

**Technology & Grants:**

**Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:** Farber reported that a meeting had been held with GEI regarding the dam feasibility study. He said that there were three proposals that would be presented to the partners; Fish and Wildlife, DNR, and EGLE. A future work session would be held with the council once the drawings are completed.

**Zoning Administrator Report:**

Steve Micklin was not present and President Farber gave a brief update on zoning. He said that there had been a court ordered work order on the property on Division Street. He spoke with the property owner and outlined the repairs needed. Partial work has been completed and the progress will be monitored.

**DPW Supervisor Report:**

Todd Hren reported that the water project was going smoothly. He stated that the contractors for the water line replacement were starting to catch up and will be back on schedule. He stated the contractors for the water filtration plant and water main on Adams were four days ahead of schedule. He said that there had been an unveiling of the new fish mural in Vida Weaver Park and it looks nice.

**Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum** (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to pay all DPW employees double time wages for all hours worked on Friday, July 4, 2025.  
Discussion: McDonald stated that all employees would punch in and out and would take multiple breaks throughout the day to make sure they were rested and hydrated. McDonald stated that they would work the entire day. Halverson inquired if last year's motion was for time and a half wages. Burrell responded that it has always been double time wages.  
ALL IN FAVOR

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

Motion to accept the bid from Fremont Tree Service in the amount of \$5,300.00.

Discussion: Multiple bids had been received and Fremont Tree service had availability to start removing the trees next week. The removals include a tree in Webster Park near the war memorial, a few trees on Michigan Avenue and trimming of two trees near the kitchen. President Farber mentioned that there would be some additional trees that will need to be removed in the next year.

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

Nays:

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

Motion to pay \$500.00 towards the Hesperia Area Chamber of Commerce Fireworks display.

Discussion: It was discussed that contractors for the Village donated \$2,500 to sponsor the fireworks display.

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

Nays:

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

Motion to accept the bid from M. Seng Enterprise in the amount of \$10,950 for fencing in Vida Weaver Park.

Discussion: Farber explained that when the parking lot was extended last fall, the post was removed and people are now driving into the park. Only one bid was received because the work would be completed by July 4<sup>th</sup> and the village was in a hurry to get it completed. Nearanz said if the work was not guaranteed to be completed by the 4<sup>th</sup>, she would like more bids to be received. President Farber said that if the council wanted, it could go to the Parks committee.

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

Nays:

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

Motion to purchase a locator for the DPW not to exceed \$3,500.00.

Discussion: President Farber asked DPW supervisor, Todd Hren to speak on the locator. He explained that the previous Rigid locator that the village had was not accurate and it would be anywhere from three to eight feet off of the mark. He has used the current water project contractor's device and it is very accurate. President Farber suggested selling the current device.

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

Nays:

### **Public Comments:**

Terry Beardsley, Jr. asked for the council to look into purchasing a boom truck so it could be used for hanging flags, flowers and other items. President Farber stated that the insurance was very expensive and the workers would have to be certified. He thanked Terry for his suggestion and Jackie Slocum said she would look into it. Joann Borgman commented that there had been approximately 20 kids hanging around the new pavilion in Vida Weaver Park and stated the families would not be able to use the pavilion if there were too many kids there. Jane Bostrom stated that some items had already been stolen off of the new art installation in Vida Weaver Park. Sheri Hunt stated that it did not look sturdy enough to withstand the weather, The piece will be taken down in the fall and epoxy would be applied to it so that it would be more durable to withstand the harsh weather. Someone inquired if there was still a curfew in town for minors. It will be researched and signs posted.

**Miscellaneous:**

Slocum asked if she could have an answer for the downtown meeting members regarding the proposed events. Asked if food trucks needed permits. It was stated that the party holding the event would be the one to apply and pay for the permit. If there was a band, the permit would fall under the host of the event. No alcohol could be served at this time because Hesperia does not have a social drinking district.

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

**(motion CARRIED)**

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell  
Hesperia Village Clerk