
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
August 11, 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, Sheri Hunt, Joyce McDonald, Jennifer Nearanz, Jackie Slocum, Mike Farber

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Treasurer Borgman, Chief Catts, Steve Micklin, Todd Hren, Jane Bostrom, Tracy Knapp, Kaitlyn Knaap, Kelly Johnson, Dan Herin and Terry Beardsley Jr.

Set the Agenda:

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Nearanz (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the agenda as presented.
ALL IN FAVOR

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by Bostrom **Seconded** by Hunt (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 14, 2025.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for July 2025 in the amount of \$130,126.57.
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 \$2,898,305.97.
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 \$19,750.00.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence:

President Farber stated that the Live and Local event that was held in the park earlier in the month went well. There is another event scheduled for September 2, 2025.

Committee Reports:

A.R.P.A.:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that a meeting had been held on August 4, 2025 regarding DPW seasonal employees. They received favorable reviews. Tammy McDonald wage was raised to \$13.50 per hour. Another meeting was held on August 7, 2025 to approve invoices and discuss police policies. Police Policies were not discussed.

Ordinance: Nearanz mentioned a possible ordinance stating that all buildings in the downtown area remain as businesses.

Parks:

Technology & Grants:

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Police Chief Report: Chief Catts gave updates on the Hesperia Police Department. He stated that the ORI and Lien have been activated and is recognized by the courts. He stated that the department does not have body cams and is doing research with Axon. The cost will be approximately \$130.00 per month with a five year contract. He is working on creating a wall in the evidence room to separate the evidence locker from the rest of the room. A camera will be installed near the entrance of the evidence room and one will be in the front police lobby. He is working on the DD-10 renewal agreement with Nexis Lexis. The Finance/Personnel committee will need to meet with him to go over the rules and regulations of the police department. He stated that the police department should be fully functional in September. President Farber mentioned that he is an official First Aid instructor.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Steve Micklin reported that there were 5 outside inquires, 2 complaints and 16 letters had been sent out. He stated that one complaint had been resolved.

DPW Supervisor Report:

Todd Hren reported that the DPW, Fleis & VandenBrink and Northern Well started chlorinating well 1 & 2 earlier in the month. He is taking daily water samples and flushing hydrants when needed. He said that there were minor issues with AT & T working on their antenna on the water tower and causing cellular service interruptions causing the Missions alert system to go off more frequently. He stated that Kuhart Street would have one layer of asphalt laid before school started. Jackie Slocum asked if the project map could be updated. He replied that it would be inaccurate and almost impossible to update because the contractors worked on different areas earlier in the project. President Farber stated that the contractors were concentrating on finishing up Cook and Kuhart Streets. O.J. Morse is taking a little longer with the water main than expected. He explained a little bit about the chlorination in the system and if there happens to be another water main break, the system would be down a shorter period of time because of the chlorination. President Farber stated that the floor of water filtration plant will be poured soon. The village is waiting on Consumers Energy to bring in the Phase 3 electric line.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Bostrom

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to appoint Dan Herin to the vacant council seat to finish out the term ending in November 2026.

Roll Call

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

Nays:

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Hunt

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to approve the committee assignments as presented.

All In Favor

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Resolution #2025-14 to purchase the property at 55 E. Michigan Avenue from the Newaygo County Treasurer in the amount of \$14,000.00.

Roll Call

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

Nays:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Resolution #2025-15 to purchase the property at 61 E. Michigan Avenue from the Newaygo County Treasurer in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Roll Call

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

Nays:

Public Comments:

Terry Beardsley inquired if residents could grow marihuana in the village.

Miscellaneous:

Jackie Slocum stated there would be a Live and Local concert event on September 2, 2025. She asked if the village could sponsor a bounce house for the kids at the event. She also commented on possibly having a Safe Place in the front lobby of the police department. President Farber stated that this has been discussed in the past. Chief Catts stated that he was looking into it.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk