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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 8, 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, Dan Herin, 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, Scott Hall and Dan DeVaun.

**Set the Agenda:**

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

Motion to accept the agenda as presented.

ALL IN FAVOR

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

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

Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 11, 2025.

ALL IN FAVOR

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

Motion to approve payment of invoices for August 2025 in the amount of \$91,690.02.

ALL IN FAVOR

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

Motion to approve payment of invoices for the C.W.S.R.F. project in the amount of \$49,010.30.

ALL IN FAVOR

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

Peg Campbell, Hesperia Area Community Library Representative for the village presented the annual library report. She gave a summary of what was in the report and the breakdowns between the different townships. She said that there were 11 programs that run each month and mentioned that the attendance has increased.

Scott Hall from Fleis & VandenBrink was present to answer any questions regarding the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. He gave a brief update on the project. He said that the bond was finalized on August 29, 2025 and the finishing touches were being put on the project. He said that the work will start in the spring of 2026.

Dan DeVaun from GEI Consultants presented a draft of the Feasibility Study that was done by their company for the Hesperia Dam. He gave a brief overview of what the study found. He answered all of the questions that the council members had and said that there would be more opportunities to see the plans for the dam at the September 16, 2025 Dam Open House held at the Hesperia High School. President Farber talked about the fence that is to be installed in Vida Weaver Park. He stated that three quotes were obtained but were not for the same product and when the village reached back out to them to get the proper quotes, no responses were received. President Farber said that M. Seng Enterprise was already awarded the job earlier this year and he would start work this month.

**Committee Reports:****Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:**

**Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance):** McDonald reported that a meeting was held on August 21, 2025 to discuss body cams for the police officers which included a five year contract.

McDonald stated that a meeting was held on September 4, 2025 for a 60 day review for seasonal DPW employee, Tammy McDonald. She received a favorable review and invoices were also approved at that meeting.

**Ordinance:** McDonald stated that there was an ordinance committee meeting on August 21, 2025 and herself and Sheri Hunt met with our attorney, Brennen Gorman on August 27, 2025. Discussed various ordinances including revising the marihuana zoning ordinance, schedule of fees, having businesses register with the village, brush ordinance, vicious animals and other ordinances. They also discussed revising the handbook to change the guidelines for vacation and to also change it from the anniversary date to annually.

**Parks:**

**Technology & Grants:** Nearanz reported that there will be a 10 virtual week course for Redevelopment Ready Communities that she and Clerk Burrell will be taking.

**Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:****Police Chief Report:**

Chief Catts stated that he met with the Michigan State Police auditors and it went favorably. He said he will be finalizing agreements with both counties in the next month. The ORI should be activated soon. A new room was installed within the evidence room to provide the separation required by CJIS. Cameras were also installed in the front lobby of the police station. The computers that are in the police vehicles are obsolete and cannot support Windows 11. New computers will need to be purchased. He gave a brief explanation of how the body cameras and car cameras worked. The body camera will be activated when the officer leaves the vehicle and the car camera will be activated when the overhead lights are turned on.

**Zoning Administrator Report:**

He reported that there were three homes almost complete in the village. He said he issued 3 permits and some of the mowing issues were resolved. He stated that he resolved an issue with dogs running at large and was dealing with a fence that was put up that was not in compliance. Micklin stated that there was a house on Cook Street that had been torn down and was being turned into a yard by the property owner next door. He also stated that the building that was sighted for blight on Division Street had been torn down as well.

**DPW Supervisor Report:**

Todd Hren reported brush pick up went well. He stated that the water project is mostly on schedule. He reported that some of the streets were being roto-milled and being prepared to be paved by Jackson Merkey. President Farber talked about the five streets that are also scheduled to be repaved with the help of the MDOT Category B grant. They are Hawley, Michigan, Smith, State and Weaver. It was stated that there will be a rolled curb put in at the corner of Michigan and Smith near the mobile home park.

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to accept the proposal from AXON in the amount of \$7,196,88 for body cameras for the police department.

**Roll Call**

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

Nays:

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

Motion to accept the proposal from Motorola in the amount of \$14,721.19 for dash cameras for the police department.

**Roll Call**

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

Nays:

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

Motion to enter into a closed session under Act 15.268 D Closed Session Use for Real Estate Purchase

**Roll Call**

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

Nays:

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

Motion to re-enter into the regular village council meeting.

**Roll Call**

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

Nays:

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

Motion to entertain hiring a full time police chief contingent on benefits, wages and hours.

Discussion: Herin inquired if the current chief was part time.

**Roll Call**

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

Nays:

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

Motion to authorize Joann Borgman, Hesperia Village Treasurer to purchased Parcel #09-30-325-010 & Parcel # 09-30-325-011 subject to the discussion in the closed session

**Roll Call**

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

Nays:

**Public Comments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

McDonald asked the Buildings, Grounds & Equipment committee to purchase new tables for the Weaver Park Kitchen. It was brought up to see if the winter weather gear could be purchased for the two seasonal DPW employees and it was mentioned that we have an account at Tractor Supply.

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

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk

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