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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
October 13, 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, Sara Richards, Matt Richards, Jordan Tryon, Merc3ds Gale, Robert Smith, Terry Beardsley Jr. and others not listed.

**Set the Agenda:**

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

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Hunt (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 8, 2025.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to approve payment of invoices for September 2025 in the amount of \$122,727.48.  
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 \$48,650.00.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:** Bostrom reported that a meeting was held on October 3, 2025 for purchase of a dump truck for the DPW. He stated that the truck was sold and the search would continue.

**Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance):** McDonald reported that a meeting was held on September 11, 2025 regarding the full time police chief position. New computers were discussed. Department cell phones were not discussed. A meeting was held on October 9, 2025 to approve invoices, discuss a contract for chief of police with benefits and had a meeting with Aflac representatives.

**Ordinance:**

**Technology & Grants:**

**Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:**

**Police Chief Report:**

Chief Catts reported that everything is going smoothly. He said that the body cams had been delivered and were being used. He said that there were two warrants that were sent to the prosecutor. He said that he has been engaging with the public and had the opportunity to attend some sporting events in the village. He said that he was networking with other chiefs and getting ideas how to get grants for equipment. Council person McDonald said that she would like a written report in the future.

**Zoning Administrator Report:**

He reported that there were six inquires of people wanting to move into the village. He issued two permits for fences and one for a new home. He said that there were no complaints. He sent out eleven letters of violations and some of those were resolved. Councilperson Nearanz inquired about the building on Division and Micklin said that letters have been sent out and the court has issued an order of cleanup.

**DPW Supervisor Report:**

Todd Hren stated that everything was going well with the water project. He projected that the roads should be paved in approximately three to four weeks. He said that they are making progress in the park and are locating mains and pipes that were not indicated on the plans. He stated that Jackson Merkey was ahead of schedule and that Ryerson was catching up. A new water main will be installed on Pine Street. Brush pick up was delayed by one day. He said the equipment is getting winterized. He stated that the fence in Vida Weaver Park had been installed and a privacy fence was installed around the portable toilet.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance #2025-01 Amending Chapter 153, Marihuana Zoning ordinance of the Village of Hesperia Code of Ordinances.

**Roll Call**

Yeas: Bostrom, Herin, McDonald, Slocum, Farber

Nays: Nearanz, Hunt

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

Motion to offer Joel Catts the full time position of Police Chief.

**Roll Call**

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

Nays:

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

Motion to purchase laptops for the police vehicles in the amount of \$3,998.00

**Roll Call**

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

Nays:

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

Motion to allow Fleis & VandenBrink to over see the road construction services in the amount of \$6,800.00.

**Discussion:**

President Farber stated that this would be finalizing the administration aspect of the Category B MDOT Grant.

**Roll Call**

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

Nays:

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Bostrom **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to accept the proposal from Fleis & VandenBrink to update the Emergency Action Plan in the amount of \$5,000.00

**Discussion:**

President Farber explained that this is required by the State of Michigan every four years.

**Roll Call**

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

Nays:

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to adopt Resolution #2025-16 for amending the Village of Hesperia 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

**Roll Call**

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

Nays:

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**  
Motion to set Halloween Trick or Treat hours from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, October 31, 2025.  
ALL IN FAVOR

**Public Comments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

McDonald thanked all of the council members for wearing their shirts to the Open House for the Dam and thanked them for the planter that was sent to Jim. Phil Rickard of Lakeland Repair & Auto Services introduced himself to the council and thanked them for the opportunity to work on our police vehicles.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell  
Hesperia Village Clerk