
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
January 12, 2026
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, Dan Herin, Sheri Hunt, Joyce McDonald, Jennifer Nearanz, Jackie Slocum, Mike Farber

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Joann Borgman, Todd Hren, Steve Micklin, Jane Bostrom, Holly McDonald and Terry Beardsley, Jr.

Set the Agenda:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Hunt (motion CARRIED)
Motion to set the agenda as presented.
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 8, 2025.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for December in the amount of \$347,794.17.
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 \$3,087,740.14.
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 \$56,149.20.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence:

McDonald stated that she was approached to see if the council would entertain the idea of naming the drain on McLaren Lake Road in honor of Jim Hughey. It was discussed and stated that it is not an official county or village drain, therefore cannot be named.

Committee Reports:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that a committee meeting was held on January 8, 2026 to approve invoices and to meet with American Classic Dumpster. She stated the recommendations were to approved the invoices and there was no recommendation for American Classic Dumpster.

Ordinance:

Parks:

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Technology & Grants: Nearanz reported that a representative from AT & T has contacted the village regarding updating and changing the lease terms. Nearanz has been unable to reach the representative. She will continue to try and reach the AT & T rep.

Water & Sewer:**Police Chief Report:**

Chief Catts was absent from meeting and President Farber gave a brief update on the department. He stated that an interview had taken place for the part time police officer position.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Micklin reported that there had been 4 inquiries and 1 permit had been issued. He stated that there was 1 complaint and he had sent out 5 letter to comply with the ordinances. He gave a brief summary of the current court cases. He stated that an agreement had been reached with the home owner and the fence on State Street needs to be moved back 3 feet. The homeowner has until June 15, 2026 to have the fence moved. Micklin gave an annual overview of 2025.

DPW Supervisor Report:

Todd Hren reported that the department was currently cleaning the garages and doing inventory. He stated that a meeting had been held for the water project that afternoon. He said that the DPW were doing the best they could on the winter roads. He stated that a new dump truck was purchased and he was in the process of getting new tires on it and getting it ready to be road worthy. He said the truck is in good shape and with a new box and possible paint job, it could last a few years.

Public Comments:

None

Miscellaneous:

President Farber talked gave an update on the projects going on in the community. He stated that the Water Filtration plant should begin operations some time in the next few months. He reported that 70% of the water mains had been completed and 50% of the service line replacements were completed. Farber stated that the project should wrap up in the fall of 2026. He stated there was some issues with the roads that were paved in the fall and Fleis & VandenBrink are doing some testing to see if they need to be repaired or replaced. Nearanz inquired about the property at 9 W. Michigan. Farber responded that we would get in touch with a realtor to see what options there were. Farber talked about a \$600,000 congressional grant that was given to the village from the EPA and is working with our engineers to see what can be done with the grant. He stated that it had to be spent specifically in the water department pertaining to PFAS. He said that another option would be to go back to the EPA and see if the grant could be changed to another water project.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Hunt
Motion to adjourn
ALL IN FAVOR
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

(motion CARRIED)

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk