
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
November 10, 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, Dan Herin, Sheri Hunt, Joyce McDonald, Jennifer Nearanz, Jackie Slocum, Mike Farber

Also present: Clerk Burrell, Chief Catts, Todd Hren, Steve Micklin, Dan Devaun, Morgan Carden, Gretchen Trist, Corinna Hervey, Jacob Sella. Andrea Bird, Kyle Alger, Debra Pagan, Tammie Nguyen, Jane Bostrom and Terry Beardsley, Jr.

Amend the Agenda:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to amend the agenda to include Old DPW Ford Truck as Item #3.
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 Public Hearing held on October 13, 2025.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Hunt (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 13, 2025.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for October in the amount of \$105,549.53.
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 \$3,506,330.06.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence:

President Farber introduced Corinna Hervey from H & S Companies, the firm that performs the village's annual audit. She reported that audit for FY 2024/2025 had been completed. Corinna had the council members open their audit books and had them follow along as she pointed out highlights to the council. She stated that she appreciated getting all of the documentation that was requested from the clerk and treasurer. Each year, more and more items are needed for the audit due to the number of projects that the village is working on. She stated that the village has a lot going on and is capitalizing on various loans and grants. Corinna said it was very admirable and all of the citizens will appreciate all the hard work that went into the audit. She said that Village of Hesperia was given an unmodified opinion which is also called a "clean" or unqualified opinion.

It is the most favorable result of an independent audit. The village received a favorable response, A + rating. Corinna answered all of the questions that the council had. She thanked the clerk and treasurer for all of their hard work and stated that there were no difficulties or disagreements from the village. Corinna stated that the Single Audit for the D.W.S.R.F. project that is required was completed. She stated that the village clerk and Jordan Neuhaus were working together on getting policies in the place that are required by the end of 2025.

Committee Reports:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that a meeting was held on October 28, 2025 regarding the seasonal DPW employee, Tammy McDonald. She said that she received a favorable review. She stated that DPW Supervisor, Todd Hren said that Tammy had already obtained her Chauffeur's license and would like to see her be moved to a part time employee, have her wages increased and have her receive some vacation benefits. McDonald stated that it was the recommendation of the committee to move her into the part time position, raise her wages to be \$15.50 and for her to receive three vacation days. Another discussion was had about Tammy McDonald obtaining her CDL license and for the village to pay for classes and training. A contract will be drawn up to be signed by the employee and the committee. McDonald also stated a discussion was had about department cell phones. The recommendation was to upgrade the police department phone and add two additional lines for the DPW supervisor and the Zoning Administrator. McDonald reported that another meeting was held on November 6, 2025 to review the monthly invoices.

Technology & Grants:

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:

Police Chief Report:

Chief Catts reported that it been an active month. There were 36 traffic stops, 1 assault case and a gas drive off. He stated that he attended some local events and did some wellbeing checks. He reported that there were 45 calls for service. Chief Catts reported that the department was in full compliance with the State of Michigan, Lien and ORI. All of the old items in the property room had been closed out. He stated that the police department joined the Kirkland Consortium and well as the West Michigan Consortium. This will allow the department to receive discounted or free training. He went over the inspections of the department's vehicles and said they were in good working order. He said that they may need to be replaced in a few years. He touched base on hiring staff and is currently is researching options. He said the market is very competitive and he is looking for someone that has high morals and integrity that fits the core values of the Hesperia Police Department.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Micklin reported that there were 5 inquires, 1 permit and 2 complaints. He stated that he sent out 12 letters for ordinance violations. One complaint was resolved on Elm Street. He stated that there was a court hearing on October 28th and the property owner on Hawley did not attend. The judge would like another letter sent before a notice of clean up is issued. There also was a court hearing on October 28th for the property on State Street regarding the clear vision area. It appears the wrong citation was issued and there is another court date on December 9, 2025. The property owner on Munn Street has complied and is making progress on cleaning up the property.

DPW Supervisor Report:

Todd Hren reported on the D.W.S.R.F. project and stated that it was approximately 45 to 50% complete. The service line portion of the project is approximately 60% complete. He spoke a little about the chlorination process and stated that is currently being added to the system at Well #1 and Well #2. The village is doing it's due diligence and is heavily monitoring the chlorine levels. Once the Water Filtration plant comes online in the near future, the process will be automated and less monitoring will be needed. The plant is almost ready to start operations and is waiting on Consumers Energy for the Phase 3 electrical lines. He talked about the potholing that is being done in Webster Park and apologized for the condition. He said the park will be ready for the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the end of the month. He reported that M-20 and M-120 will get base coats of asphalt tomorrow and the top coat will be applied later in the week. The remaining streets will also get paved as well.

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to have the Village select Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative with fish passage to be designated in the feasibility study and approves the Village President and Village Clerk to work with U.S.F.W.S. and G.L.F.C. to pursue funding, design, real estate, and permitting.

Discussion: President Farber stated that his choice would be Option #2 because it would be easier and to maintain. He stated that it was the most expensive option but believes that is the best option for the village.

Roll Call

Yeas: Bostrom, Herin, McDonald, Farber

Nays: Hunt, Nearanz, Slocum

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to move Tammy McDonald from a seasonal DPW position to a part time DPW position and to include a wage increase to \$15.50 and 3 vacation days.

Roll Call

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

Nays:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to have DPW employee, Tammy McDonald obtain her CDL license with the village paying for the cost of course, and to have a contract drawn up for her term of service.

Discussion: Nearanz asked if we had created a contract in the past. Slocum stated that we had with DPW employee, Dustin Homfeld.

Roll Call

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

Nays:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Bostrom

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to dispose of the old DPW pickup and sell it for scrap.

Discussion: President Farber stated that the truck was un safe to drive and the title will be marked For Scrap Only.

Roll Call

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

Nays:

Public Comments:

Tammie Nyugen inquired about the service lines. President Farber said that the contractor is starting to catch up on the services line. The new road on State Street will not be torn up because the contractors will bore under the road. Debra Pagen inquired about the house on the corner that had a fence in the clear vision area. She was very concerned about getting into a traffic accident because she almost had to drive into the road to see past the fence. Debra Pagen stated that the contractors damaged her fence and needed to come repair it. She also would like to fix her yard. The question was asked if the water was safe to drink with the chlorine levels. DPW Supervisor, Todd Hren explained that yes, the water was safe to drink and that he was testing the levels more than what was required and the levels are in line with state regulations. Kyle Alger asked if Grove Street was going to be paved. President Farber state that it was not on the scheduled to be paved.

Miscellaneous:

The Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on November 28th in Webster Park.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Hunt

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk

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