
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
December 8, 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, Joann Borgman, Steve Micklin, Jane Bostrom, Jessica Elenbaas, Christa Sturtevant Good, Mary Sturtevant, Girl Scout Troop #8303 and Terry Beardsley, Jr.

Set the Agenda:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Nearanz (motion CARRIED)
Motion to set 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 Work Session held on November 10, 2025.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by Herin **Seconded** by Nearanz (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 10, 2025.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for November in the amount of \$81,764.85.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence:

President Farber introduced Girl Scout Troop #8303. They are working on their Girl Scout Silver award. Four members of their troop gave a presentation labeled Be Prepared Tornado Safety Plan. They had several ideas on how to help the community be prepared in case a tornado happens in this area. Some of the ideas included tornado safety at home, potential shelter locations and refrigerators magnets. President Farber thanked them for their presentation and stated that the council looked forward to updated on their plan.

Committee Reports:

Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that a meeting was held on November 20, 2025 for employee evaluations and reviews. Another meeting was held on December 4, 2025 to approve monthly invoices. Another meeting was held on December 5, 2025 to discuss changes to the Employee Handbook section 215 regarding sick pay and the Earned Sick Time Act.

Ordinance: McDonald reported that a meeting was held on December 1, 2025 to review ordinances. Drafts of the proposed changes were sent to the lawyer for review.

Parks:

Streets, Sidewalks & Dam: President Farber stated that there had been a meeting with GEI Consultants regarding the feasibility study. The study is almost completed and the village will work on applying for grants for the Design Build stage of the dam rehabilitation.

Technology & Grants:

Water & Sewer:

Police Chief Report:

Chief Catts expressed appreciation and gratitude to the council for having confidence in him to continue to do his job as police chief. He said that there were 32 traffic stops and 10 non-traffic incidents for November. He stated that he would be attending some training courses in January. He stated that the department was compliance with NIMS and FEMA incident command modules. He reported that the dash cameras and body cameras were working well. He stated that the police department policies were being reviewed by the village attorney. He gave status reports on the police vehicles.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Micklin reported that there had been 6 inquires and no permits had been issued. He gave a brief summary of the current court cases. He stated that bids were sent out to vendors for the clean up at 134 S. Division.

DPW Supervisor Report:

President Farber reported that Ryerson Brothers are still working on service lines for the D.W.S.R.F. project during the winter. He stated that work on the Iron Removal plant will continue throughout the winter. Snow plowing is going well. He reported that the lane reconfiguration was completed by MDOT.

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Resolution #2025-17 A resolution amending the Village of Hesperia 2025/2026 Fiscal Year's Equipment Fund budget.

Discussion: President Farber stated that approximately \$10,000.00 was made by taking old equipment to the scrap yard and that money needed to be moved to the Equipment Fund for the purchase of a snow plow.

Roll Call

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

Nays:

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Resolution #2025-18 A resolution amending the Village of Hesperia's 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Park's budget.

Roll Call

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

Nays:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt the changes to the Employee Handbook Section 215 Sick Leave benefits and Sick Day Call-In

Roll Call

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

Nays:

Public Comments:

None

Miscellaneous:

President Farber talked about the school crossing guards and is awaiting a determination from the village attorney regarding employing them.

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Hunt

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk