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Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 09, 2026  
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, Joyce McDonald, Jennifer Nearanz, Jackie Slocum, Mike Farber  
Members Absent: Sheri Hunt

**Also present:** Clerk Burrell, Todd Hren, Steve Micklin, Jane Bostrom, Holly McDonald, Terry Beardsley, Jr., Kim Nummerdor, Debra Pagan, Frank Ash, Scott Hall, Blair Selover and Paul Harig

**Amend the Agenda:**

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to amend the agenda to remove Item d. Fiscal Policies  
ALL IN FAVOR  
Absent: Hunt

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 January 12, 2026.  
ALL IN FAVOR  
ABSENT: Hunt

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)  
Motion to approve payment of invoices for January in the amount of \$61,084.67.  
Discussion: Herin inquired if the invoices for Oceana County Sheriff were for multiple month's, Clerk Burrell stated that it was for three months of services.  
ALL IN FAVOR  
Absent: Hunt

**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 \$700,321.40.  
ALL IN FAVOR  
Absent: Hunt

**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 \$22,922.10.  
ALL IN FAVOR  
Absent: Hunt

## **Announcements/Correspondence:**

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:**

**Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance):** McDonald reported that a committee meeting was held on January 20, 2026 regarding crossing guards and Public Act 152. Another meeting was set up to discuss the crossing guards and the recommendation for Public Act 152 to leave as is with the village paying 100% of the employee's insurance premiums. Another meeting was held on February 5, 2026 to approve invoices and to review the 2026/2027 FY budget. The clerk will make changes to budget and another meeting will be held.

**Ordinance:** McDonald reported that a meeting had been held on January 22, 2026 to discuss various ordinances. The drafts were sent to the attorney for review.

#### **Parks:**

#### **Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:**

**Technology & Grants:** Nearanz reported a meeting had been held on February 5, 2026 to discuss changes to the AT & T lease. The recommendation is to reject both of their offers to reduce or buy out the lease.

#### **Water & Sewer:**

### **Police Chief Report:**

Chief Catts was absent due to being out on a call in the village.

### **Zoning Administrator Report:**

Micklin reported that there had been 7 inquiries and no permits had been issued. He stated that there was 1 complaint and 1 letter had been sent out. He stated that the village was waiting for spring to do the clean up at the building on Division. He said that he contacted a homeowner on State Street for a building permit.

### **DPW Supervisor Report:**

Todd Hren reported that the department had all of the roads cleared and had moved snowbanks out of the way from street corners for safety reasons. He stated that they were focusing on getting the equipment in order before the next storm came. He reported that Ryerson Brothers were back in town doing service line replacements.

### **Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum**

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to adopt Resolution #2026-01 for the annual exemption option as set forth in 2011 Public Act 152, the publicly funded health insurance contribution act beginning January 1, 2026

### **Roll Call**

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

Nays:

Absent: Hunt

### **Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum**

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to accept the proposal from Fleis & VandenBrink Operations to provide Operator in Charge services not to exceed \$1,285.00 per week.

**Discussion:** President Farber introduced Blair Selover from Fleis & VandenBrink Operations and he talked about the services that his company would provide for the village for operator in charge of the water and sewer systems. President Farber said that he thought the price was high and so did some of the council members. They talked about getting DPW supervisor, Todd Hren, trained and licensed with a D3 or D4 water license. They would help with the training. Blair mentioned that there are two testing opportunities each year. A question was asked how long the employee had to train in order to become fully licensed. Blair responded that the employee had to have 12 months of experience with

the water system and Todd Hren currently has more than 12 months in the water department. The cost is around \$90.00 per test. The contract can be stopped with a 30 day written notice.

**Roll Call**

Yeas: Bostrom, Herin, McDonald, Nearanz, Farber

Nays: Slocum

Absent: Hunt

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

**(motion FAILED)**

Motion to accept the proposal from Fleis & VandenBrink to administer the Congressional Direct Spending Grant in the amount of \$156,000.00.

**Discussion:** President Farber introduced Scott Hall from Fleis & VandenBrink and he talked about the \$600,000.00 grant that had been given to the Village of Hesperia and the services that Fleis & VandenBrink would provide. President Farber stated that the grant was specifically for PFAS remediation and with the current water project already addressing all of the PFAS concerns, it was difficult to find projects how to spend the money. They talked about purchasing a new piece of property to put a new well on and it was also discussed that a new well could be placed on the property of the filtration plant. Scott Hall said that there had been preliminary testing for a well on the property that could be acquired and it had favorable results. Council members asked many questions and they were answered.

**Roll Call**

Yeas:

Nays: Bostrom, Herin, McDonald, Nearanz, Slocum, Farber

Absent: Hunt

**Motion** by Slocum **Seconded** by Nearanz

**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to reject the new lease brought forth by AT & T

**Discussion:** Nearanz had spoken earlier under committee reports on the recommendation of the committee. Slocum stated that if AT & T wanted to break the lease, the antenna would be removed.

**Roll Call**

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

Nays:

Absent: Hunt

**Public Comments:**

Debra Pagan asked when the water project team would be around to fix her fence and the ground around her home. President Farber said that it is on the list and would be addressed in the spring. Debra inquired when the fence on the corner of State and M-20 would be removed. President Farber told her that the judge gave the home owner until May of this year to remove the fence. Terry Beardsley, Jr. made various comments.

**Miscellaneous:**

Dan Herin stated that long time resident Bob Forbes had passed away earlier in the week.

**Motion** by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum  
Motion to adjourn  
ALL IN FAVOR  
Absent: Hunt

**(motion CARRIED)**

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell  
Hesperia Village Clerk

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