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Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
April 13, 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, Sheri Hunt, Joyce McDonald, Jennifer Nearanz, Jackie Slocum, Mike Farber
Also present: Clerk Burrell, Todd Hren, Steve Micklin, Joel Catts, Jane Bostrom, Debra Pagan and Tammie Nguyen

Set the Agenda:
Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Bostrom **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to accept the agenda as presented
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 March 9, 2026.

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 9, 2026.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve payment of invoices for March 2026 in the amount of $77,499.96.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Bostrom **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve payment of invoices for the D.W.S.R.F. project in the amount of $973,447.30.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Hunt **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve payment of invoices for the C.W.S.R.F. project in the amount of $46,046.00.
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence:
An e-mail from property owner, Richard Pranger was discussed regarding our ready to serve fee for vacant homes was mentioned. President Farber spoke about the $600,000 congressional grant and how the village was finding difficulty in spending it since it was earmarked for PFAS and the D.W.S.R.F. already had covered the PFAS removal and new well. There was a lot of discussion between the council members. President Farber said he would continue to research and set up a work session to discuss it further.

Committee Reports:
Buildings, Grounds & Equipment: Bostrom reported that a meeting was held to discuss two proposals for a new zero turn mower and the recommendation is to purchase the Kioti Zero turn and it will be discussed under new business.
Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that the committee met on March 27, 2026 with American Classic Dumpster regarding the contract that is expiring. A formal bid was submitted and would be discussed under new business. She reported that another meeting had been held on April 9, 2026 to discuss approval of the monthly, DWSRF & CWSRF invoices. Employee wages were also reviewed and will be discussed under new business.
Ordinance:
Parks:
Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:
Technology & Grants:.
Water & Sewer:

Police Chief Report:
Chief Catts reported that there was a total of 117 calls for Hesperia that were responded to by himself and Oceana and Newaygo counties. He stated that training was going well. He mentioned that himself and Officer Rose attended a Domestic Violence training at the Lowell Police Department. He stated that the department would need a newer vehicle down the road. He spoke about purchasing safety items for the crossing guards including vests, lights and lighted handheld signs. He will continue to work with Consumers Energy on improving better lighting in the crosswalks. He said that he has been receiving good feedback from the school.

Zoning Administrator Report:
Steve Micklin reported that there were no inquires and no permits received or issued. He stated that there had been 1 complaint and 11 letters had been sent out. He said that President Farber and himself would start to revisit ordinance issues and revisit issuing violations. He stated that an old business reached out to him to have it turned into a 5 unit apartment building. He stated that they had received a grant and that the property was zoned properly. He was contacted by Frontier Communications and are working on getting permits to put fiber optic cable in the village.

DPW Supervisor Report:
Todd Hren said that summer is coming and his team is preparing for the season. He said that Nieboer Electric was scheduled to come in and prepare the bathrooms for the summer. He reported that Ryerson Brothers were catching up on the service line replacements and were working at a steady pace. Road and yard restoration were being scheduled. President Farber stated that the Iron Removal Plant should be coming online soon. The village is still waiting on three phase electric from Consumers Energy.

Motion by Bostrom **Seconded** by Hunt **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to purchase a Kioti Zero Turn mover from Reeman Farm Equipment for $14,700.00
Discussion: President Farber stated that the village currently had two residential zero turn mowers. One is a 2013 and the other one is a 2017. They are starting to have issues. One will be kept as a spare and one would be disposed of possibly at JNJ auction . The Kioti is a commercial mower and was discounted $7,000 because it was last year's model. McDonald inquired if it was ready to be picked up and Todd Hren said yes it was.
R**oll Call**
Yeas: Bostrom, Herin, Hunt, McDonald, Nearanz, Slocum, Farber
Nays:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to approve a 3% wage increase for all hourly employees.
Discussion: President Farber stated that this would be the standard Cost of Living increases and said that merit raises would be separate.
Roll Call
Yeas: Bostrom, Herin, Hunt, McDonald, Nearanz, Slocum, Farber
Nays:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to re-appoint Vicki Burrell as the Village Clerk for a two year term ending in April of 2028.
All In Favor

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to re-appoint Joann Borgman as the Village Treasurer for a two year term ending in April of 2028.
All In Favor

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to accept the five year contract from American Classic Dumpster for garbage services.
Discussion: President Farber opened the discussion regarding the new contract. McDonald stated that this contract would run through December 31, 2031. A discussion was had with multiple council members and their questions were answered by President Farber and McDonald..
Roll Call
Yeas: Bostrom, Herin, Hunt, McDonald, Nearanz, Slocum, Farber
Nays:

Public Comments:
Debra Pagan asked about the contractors parking on State Street and said that she would prefer they did not park on her lawn. It was stated that there is a right of way and they had the right to park there. Tammie Nguyen asked if her home had been missed during the project because all of her neighbors had their service lines replaced. It would be researched and she would be put on the schedule. Jane Bostrom inquired about the blacktopping of the streets and said that she did see improvements in the village.
Miscellaneous

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Nearanz **(motion CARRIED)**
Motion to adjourn
ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell
Hesperia Village Clerk

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