
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
July 13, 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, Treasurer Borgman, Todd Hren, Steve Micklin, Joel Catts, Kevin Hunt, Jane Bostrom, Tabitha Druso and Terry Beardsley, Jr.

Amend the Agenda

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to amend the agenda to include Item e. Full Time Police Officer
ALL IN FAVOR

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Herin (motion CARRIED)
Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 8, 2026.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for June 2026 in the amount of \$102,341.18.
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 \$2,600,903.00
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum (motion CARRIED)
Motion to approve payment of invoices for the C.W.S.R.F. project in the amount of \$131,900.00
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence:

President Farber congratulated Chief Catts on his recent graduation from the Police Staff and Command Leadership program from Eastern Michigan University. He also thanked the local boy scouts for taking the time to clean up the village after the Hesperia Fun Fest on July 4th, 2026. President Farber introduced Ben Kladder from Fleis & VandenBrink and he gave a status update report on the D.W.S.R.F Project. Ben stated that the project is almost complete and they are focusing on yard restorations. The contractor has been instructed to visit every yard in the village so that all repairs and restoration will be made before the project will be considered complete. Ben stated that there is a one year warranty on the service line replacements. He gave an update on the service line replacements and there are only a few remaining addresses to do. He touched base on some repairs that may need to be done to some of the roads that were paved including re-striping. Ben stated that the Water Treatment plant has undergone some testing and trials and they are waiting on the approval from EGLE to start it up. He reported that the project looks to be under budget and there will be some change orders sent to EGLE for approval. He would give a final update in the near future.

Committee Reports:**Buildings, Grounds & Equipment:**

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that a meeting had been held on July 8, 2026 to conduct a police department interview. Recommendation is to hire Christian Deaton as a full time officer pending completion of a background check. She reported that a meeting had been held on July 9, 2026 to review invoices. The recommendations are to approve the invoices for June and for the DWSRF and CWSRF projects and to have the treasurer and clerk remove the CD's that are currently at Huntington Bank and move them to Choice One.

Ordinance**Parks:****Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:****Technology & Grants:**

Water & Sewer: Slocum stated that a meeting had been held on June 22, 2026 regarding connection fees for water and sewer utilities. The recommendation is to charge \$3,500.00 to connect/reconnect to the water service and \$2,500.00 to connect/reconnect to the sewer service. She also stated that the current property owner would have to disclose that to the new buyer.

Police Chief Report:

Chief Catts reported that there was a total of 168 service records for the month. He said that he completed a 6 month Police Staff and Command Leadership program from Eastern Michigan University. He also reported that the Fourth of July event went smoothly and that his department maintained operations throughout the day.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Steve Micklin reported that he had 5 inquires about properties or building in the village. He reported that 3 permits had been issued. He said that there were 3 complaints. He stated that he sent out 11 letters for violations and 1 had been resolved.

DPW Supervisor Report:

Todd Hren reported that the event of the Fourth of July went pretty well and that there were a lot of trash and the local boy scout troop helped with clean up and that he appreciated all of their hard work. He stated that the parks are back in nice condition and that brush pick up went well earlier in the day. He gave an update on the water project and the water filtration plant should be online soon.

Motion by Slocum Seconded by Nearanz**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to move CD's from Huntington Bank to Choice One Bank.

Discussion: Treasurer Borgman made a statement that the CD's had matured at Huntington Bank and that the window was very short to move them to Choice One. She stated that Choice One was offering a 3.75 % rate for 1 year. The amount that is being moved is a total of \$110,160.66 (\$27,542.73 General Fund, \$55,078.62 Major Streets and \$27,539.31 Sewer). McDonald inquired why the total amount was being put back into CD's instead of just the initial amount.

Roll Call

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

Motion by Slocum Seconded by McDonald**(motion CARRIED)**

Motion to adopt Resolution #2026-03 A resolution authorizing changes in the standard lighting contract between Consumers Energy and the Village of Hesperia for the Hesperia High School Cross Walk.

Discussion: Nearanz inquired about the two crosswalk locations on M-20 and M-120.

Roll Call

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

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Resolution #2026-04 A resolution authorizing changes in the standard lighting contract between Consumers Energy and the Village of Hesperia for the Webster Park Cross Walk.

Discussion: President Farber said that the new lights would be around 60 to 70 lumens and would be much brighter than the existing ones. Slocum stated that the lights would be pointed directly on the cross walks.

Roll Call

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

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Bostrom

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Resolution #2026-05 Adoption of the Newaygo County Management Plan

Discussion: President Farber commented that this was the 2026 edition that included updates from the flood earlier in 2026 suggested by Abby Watkins, director of Newaygo County Emergency Services.

Roll Call

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

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to hire Christian Deaton as a full time police officer pending a background check with a starting wage of \$24.00 per hour including benefits.

Discussion: McDonald stated that he is willing to relocate from Bay City. He is looking for a department that is slower paced. Slocum stated that he has over 40 certifications including EMS. Chief Catts said he would preform a background check on him.

Roll Call

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

Motion by Farber **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Resolution #2026-06 A resolution adopting connection fees for Water and Waste Water Service Reconnecting Fees from being opted out and New Service Connection Fees;

Minimum of \$3,500.00 for Water Service and minimum of \$2,500.00 for Sewer Service not including Labor and Materials.

Roll Call

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

Public Comments:

Mark Kraus stated that Chief Catts was a huge help at the craft fair on 4th of July and wanted to thank him for going out of his way to help. Mark stated that libraries are one of the few places where every resident, regardless of age or income, can walk through the door and find an opportunity waiting for them. He said he believed it was worth supporting the Hesperia Community Library and encouraged residents to vote on August 4, 2026. Steve Micklin reminded the audience that there would be a Hesperia Live & Local concert held in Vida Weaver Park on Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Nearanz

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk

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