
Village of Hesperia, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting
August 10, 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, Brian Beard, Mercedes Gale, Jordan Tryon, Faith Cram, Lila Weger, Melissa Upton, Drew A., Debra Pagan, Tammie Nguyen, William English, Aleah Samuel, Dalton English, R. Beebe and Sharon Crawford

Set the Agenda

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Hunt
Motion to set the agenda as presented
ALL IN FAVOR

(motion CARRIED)

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items only:

President Farber announced that if anyone had any statements regarding the Flock Cameras, this would be the time to speak. Jordan Tryon spoke regarding his opinion on the Flock cameras that were installed in the village. He stated that they were a financial burden on the taxpayers, had false reporting and there was a history of abuse of the footage. Sharon Crawford asked the council if research was done regarding the cameras. The council responded and said yes, research was done and the council voted against them in the past and the cameras were installed by Oceana County on the MDOT's right of way and would be up for the 90 day probationary period. After that they would be removed. Other comments from Tammie Nguyen, Rachael Valdes, Deb Pagen and others were made.

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by Herin

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 13, 2026.
ALL IN FAVOR

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to approve payment of invoices for July 2026 in the amount of \$46,779.43
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 \$991,785.05
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 \$273,742.00
ALL IN FAVOR

Announcements/Correspondence:

President Farber introduced Brian Beard from the Small Business Administration regarding public assistance for the flood that happened from April 10 to April 21, 2026. He explained that homeowners could be eligible for public assistance including low interest and long term loans. Jackie Slocum stated that the Live & Local concert events were looking for volunteers and they should reach out to Sally Kraley for more details.

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

Finance & Personnel (Legal & Insurance): McDonald reported that the committee had met on July 14, 2026 regarding a new police vehicle and benefits. She also stated that another meeting had been held on July 31, 2026 regarding what direction the police department was going, a new police vehicle and training. Another meeting was held on August 6, 2026 to approve monthly invoices.

Parks:**Streets, Sidewalks & Dam:****Technology & Grants:.****Water & Sewer:****Police Chief Report:**

Chief Catts reported that calls of service were down 40 calls from the previous month. He stated that everything was going smoothly and has starting doing after hour checks of business and home owners who have asked.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Steve Micklin reported that he had 8 calls and that no permits had been issued. He said that there were 2 complaints and 32 letters had been sent out. 2 complaints had been resolved. He stated that he was working with Frontier Communications to get a permit for laying fiber optics within the village.

DPW Supervisor Report:

Todd Hren reported that the D.W.S.R.F. project was wrapping up and the contractors were working on yard and street restorations. He reported that the water filtration plant was online and the finishing touches were being putting on it. He reported that the C.W.S.R.F. project was coming along nicely. Sludge is currently being removed. Jackie Slocum inquired about gravel on Commerce Street. It was stated that the contractor had a list of multiple areas and roads thta still need to be restored.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adopt Ordinance #2026-01 Section 55.99 of Chapter 55 of the code of ordinances

Discussion: McDonald read the ordinance and explained the misdemeanor was being changed to a civil infraction. Herin inquired if this was for junk vehicles. McDonald stated that there was a separate ordinance for that.

Roll Call

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

Nays:

Motion by Slocum **Seconded** by McDonald

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to discuss a possible ordinance for Flock Camera type surveillance

Discussion: President Farber asked if the council would be interested in an ordinance and if there were interest, it would be turned over to the attorney to an ordinance drafted.

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

Nays:

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to accept the proposal for the Xerox copy machine lease for a term of five years in the amount of \$39.78 monthly.

ALL IN FAVOR

Public Comments:

Jordan Tryon asked if the village could put something in writing regarding the Flock Cameras. President Farber said the cameras are located in the State's right of way, it is a gray area and the county and state control those areas. Sharon Crawford stated that it was in violation of the 4th amendment and it should be looked into. The audience thanks the council for taking the matter seriously and for taking action.

Miscellaneous:

President Farber read a thank you note from Bob Tazelaar from the Hesperia America 250 MI Declaration Public Reading partner. He thanked President Farber for speaking at the July 8, 2026 event and the Hesperia village council for attending and for all of their hard work.

Motion by McDonald **Seconded** by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell

Hesperia Village Clerk