

Village of Herscher Board Meeting August 18, 2025 7:00P.M.

Village President Shannon Sweeney called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following Trustees were present: Andy Cotter, Jacob Wagner, Skip Grigas, Jeremy Bauer, and Mike Bruner. Gayle Landeck was absent. Also, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, Attorney Chris Bohlen, Treasurer Laura Peters and Herscher Pilot Editor Janet Mau. Residents Lauren Ruel, Dan Peters, Jim Ridings, Ray Schneider.

Andy Cotter moved to approve the Special minutes of July 7, 2025; Jeremy Bauer, seconded. Motion carried. Skip Grigas abstained.

Andy Cotter moved to approve the Regular minutes of July 21, 2025; Jacob Wagner seconded. Motion carried.

STREETS:

Jacob Wagner handed out quotes on crack filling in Park Place Subdivision. He is waiting for a quote on filling cracks on Main Street. He suggests doing both crack filling jobs depending on what the estimate comes back for Main Street.

Jacob added that he is working with Al Deany on fixing the alley entrance on W Myrtle behind Main.

FINANCE:

Mike Bruner presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$245,022.65 to the Board for payment. Mike Bruner moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Andy Cotter seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-absent, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$58,021.94. Mike Bruner moved to accept the payroll as presented, Jeremy Bauer seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Gayle Landeck-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Laura Peters handed out the July Treasurers report and reviewed it with the Board.

PARKS:

Andy Cotter said that the lights are finished at Village Park ball field. These new LED lights will only use 2 breakers instead of 5. The lights are really bright; we may look at moving one pole to Leiser Field.

He is getting some prices on leveling out the North side of Sims field since removing the trees.

WATER AND SEWER:

Jeremy Bauer said the Park Road water main replacement has begun. They will clean up as much as they can for Labor Day Weekend.

Keith Witheft and Jeremy Bauer explained that we are still using lots of unaccounted water. Keith said he has a quote from M. E. Simpson for leak detection. The price is \$7,000. They will investigate and find the leak for us.

Jeremy Bauer moved to approve hiring of M.E. Simpson to do leak detection for emergency unaccounted water use. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-absent, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE:

Nothing to report

POLICE:

Chief Quick said that Labor Day police coverage is complete. He has the shifts filled for the weekend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Jacob Wagner moved to make a \$8,000 Donation to Herscher Legion Community Center. Andy Cotter seconded the motion. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-absent, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

After some discussion it was decided that parking on Maple Street across from the park would not be allowed on the west side of the street during Labor Day weekend.

Jeremy Bauer moved to reschedule September 15th meeting for September 16th at 7pm. Andy Cotter seconded the motion. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-absent, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Jacob Wagner moved to suspend the agenda that would interfere with the passage of Ordinance#25-05 adopting Administrative Adjudication of Ordinance Violations Intergovernmental Agreement. Andy Cotter Seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-absent, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Jacob Wagner moved to pass Ordinance#25-05 adopting Administrative Adjudication of Ordinance Violations Intergovernmental Agreement. Andy Cotter Seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-absent, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Jacob Wagner moved to suspend the agenda that would interfere with the passage of Ordinance #25-08 amending fines and penalties for violation of Village Ordinances. Andy Cotter Seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-absent, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Jacob Wagner moved to pass of Ordinance #25-08 amending fines and penalties for violation of Village Ordinances. Andy Cotter Seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-absent, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Jim Ridings said that he has a complaint about loud music coming from a car down the street. He said that the plaster was falling from his ceiling. He claims he has made complaints and nothing has been done. Chief Quick said that he will send an email to his officers to keep an ear out.

Dan Peters wants some clarification on the lead service line letter that was delivered to him and other residents. His questions were why the Village Failed to report in October 2024 and why is it just now being addressed. Keith Witheft explained that the Village is working to get this reporting done and we ask that the residents cooperate in filling out the form and returning. He added the Village doesn't have a lead problem it is a reporting problem. Dan Peters suggests that we figure out a plan to mitigate this issue even if it means raising water rates.

Janet Mau asked if she could have a copy of the letter.

Motion to adjourn by Andy Cotter. Seconded by Jacob Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk