

Village of Herscher Board Meeting January 20, 2026 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: Mike Bruner, Jacob Wagner, Jeremy Bauer, Skip Grigas (Zoom), and Gayle Landeck (Zoom). Trustee Andy Cotter was absent. Also, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, Police Chief Kurt Quick, Public Works employees Keith Witheft, Chad Scanlon, Sean Culver, Herscher Pilot Editor Janet Mau, Attorney Chris Bohlen, Legion Auxiliary members Lori Teaders, Deb Chmielowiec, Paula Grob, Joyce Goodwin, and Carol Webber. Buckingham residents Tony Hernandez, Cassandra Hernandez and daughter, Lisa Johnson and son.

Jeremy Bauer moved to approve the Regular minutes of December 15, 2025. Jacob Wagner seconded. Motion carried.

Mike Bruner moved to suspend the agenda for the Legion Auxiliary. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Lori Teaders presented the Board with a check for their portion of the new benches. She said she was very grateful for the Villages help with installation and financial support.

Jacob Wagner moved to suspend the agenda for the Legion Auxiliary. Mike Bruner seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

STREETS:

Mike Gingrich from MG2A Engineering presented the Board with information on what his company does and could do for us. He will be sending Jacob numbers for budgeting.

FINANCE:

Mike Bruner presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$84,764.59 to the Board for payment. Mike Bruner moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Jeremy Bauer seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$55,007.50. Mike Bruner moved to accept the payroll as presented, Jeremy Bauer seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Gayle Landeck-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Mike Bruner also presented the monthly revenues sheet and also went over the bank accounts.

PARKS:

Jacob Wagner says that Andy Cotter is working on prices for dugouts at Leiser Field.

WATER AND SEWER:

Jeremy Bauer says that the lab is taking off. The amount of testing done thus far, the lab has paid for itself. He said that he and public works employees met with Al Deany about what the Villages pressing needs are. Jeremy says that we need to start thinking of fees or rate increases for water. We are significantly lower than the rest of the state. It was suggested we have a committee to come up with some ideas to present to the Board.

ORDINANCE:

Gayle Landeck says that she and Attorney Bohlen are working on sending a letter to 195 S Elm requesting repair or demolish mandate for the garage that has fallen down.

POLICE:

Skip Grigas moved to approve the donation to Shop with a Cop in the amount of \$250.00. Jeremy Bauer seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Bruner suggested that we do a firework show for the 250th Birthday of the United States. He suggests we do it on the weekend of Corn Bowl. He has a few vendors who do this to call. He wants to start a committee for this event. He suggested members from different local organizations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jacob Wagner says the tractor needs a new clutch. The cost to fix it is \$4,593. Discussion was had and it was decided that the tractor was not worth that to put into it. Chad has gotten some prices for a new tractor.

Jacob Wagner motioned to purchase a new tractor from Stoller International in the amount of \$71,000. Skip Grigas seconded.

After motion was made, Attorney Bohlen said that we need to put the tractor out for bid.

Jacob Wagner tabled his motion on purchasing a new tractor and putting it out for bid. Jeremy Bauer seconded. All in favor; Motioned carried.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Tony Hernandez addressed the Board and Chief Quick about an incident that occurred several months ago involving his daughter. He stated the police pointed guns at his daughter and did not do anything to protect his daughter.

Lisa Johnson added to Tony's concern. Her son had a gun pointed at him by Herscher Police. She says it was totally uncalled for, and the officer needs to be investigated. She added that she will be going to the state attorney's office to file a formal complaint.

Village President Sweeney assured Lisa he had reviewed the body cam footage and didn't see anything uncalled for. Chief Quick offered to invite Lisa to come in tomorrow to view the footage.

Tony then stood up and threatened Chief Quick by telling him to watch his back.

Motion to adjourn by Jeremy Bauer. Seconded by Jacob Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk