Village of Herscher Board Meeting
November 17, 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: Jeremy Bauer, Mike Bruner, Jacob Wagner, Gayle Landeck and Skip Grigas. Trustee Andy Cotter was absent. Also, Deputy Village Clerk Vannessa Weaver, Attorney Chris Bohlen, Herscher Pilot Editor Janet Mau. Residents Lauren Ruel and Maggie Nofkee.

Jeremy Bauer moved to approve the Regular minutes of October 20, 2025 Jacob Wagner seconded. 5-0-1 Andy Cotter abstained as he was absent from the last meeting. Motion carried.

STREETS:
Jacob Wagner let the Board know that he is looking into redoing the roads on Main Street and the east and west side of the Village. He let the Board know that the Christmas lights have been ordered and the poles on Main Street with be wrapped again this year and Village Hall will be getting lights as well.

FINANCE:
Mike Bruner presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling $174,216.81 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-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled $52,933.28. 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-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Carmen Huizenga presented the FY 2024-2025 Audit, including the annual financial statements, general fund cash, and business (utilities) types of activities. She recommended an internal control for daily entries and would like to see documents from the Treasurer showing they have signed off on things. She plans on coming sometime in January or February to go over things with Heather and Vannessa. The Management Letter should be made available if requested. Carmen asked if there were any questions.

PARKS:
Andy Cotter let the Board know that he is wrapping up everything in Parks for the season and that Duane Wright will not be coming back next season.

WATER AND SEWER:
Jeremy Bauer said Park Road watermain project is now done and that they will seed next year. He said that the new water testing has been doing very well. He spoke about adding a fee to the water bills to help with any future projects.

ORDINANCE:
Gayle Landeck let the Board know we had 14 permits last month totaling $1,240.00.

Gayle Landeck moved to suspend the rules that require 2 readings of an ordinance. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Gayle Landeck moved to place Ordinance #25-10 on its final passage. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

POLICE:
Police Chief Quick said we have some big cases that have been taken. He said that Officer Solis is going great at the schools and everyone has wonderful things to say about it.

OLD BUSINESS:
President Shannon Sweeney said he thinks that permit for South Elm Street has expired but he believes there is work going on in the inside of the house. No inspections have been made.

NEW BUSINESS:
Andy Cotter let everyone know that Light Up Leiser will be on November 28th at 7:30 pm and that Santa will be there.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:
Resident Maggie Nofkee said the air quality is poor due to Alliance Grain and wanted to know what the Village is going to do about it. Village Attorney Chris Bohlen told her that there is nothing the Village can do that they will need to contact the IEPA as they are the only ones that can do something about it.

Motion to adjourn by Skip Grigas. Seconded by Jacob Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vannessa Weaver, Deputy Village Clerk