

Village of Herscher Board Meeting February 17, 2026 7:00P.M.

Village Trustee Mike Bruner 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, and Gayle Landeck. Trustee Andy Cotter and Village President Shannon Sweeney were absent. Also, Village Deputy Clerk Vanessa Weaver, Village Treasurer Laura Peters, Police Chief Kurt Quick, Public Works employees Keith Witheft, Herscher Pilot Editor Janet Mau, Attorney Chris Bohlen.

Jacob Wagner moved to approve the Regular minutes of January 20, 2026. Jeremy Bauer seconded. Motion carried.

STREETS:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE:

Mike Bruner presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$50,854.01 to the Board for payment. Mike Bruner moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Andy Cotter-absent, Skip Grigas-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Mike Bruner presented payroll totaling \$49,861.31. Mike Bruner moved to accept the payroll as presented, Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-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.

PARKS:

Nothing to report.

WATER AND SEWER:

Jeremy Bauer said the water testing lab is doing very well and we brought in around \$500 last month. He also said the floors at water plant are being fixed by Pro Concrete this week.

Village Deputy Clerk Vanessa spoke about the water bills and how there have been on-going issues with the Post Office getting bills out in time. It was discussed moving forward to have more residents sign up to have their bills email to them to help with this, there will be an ad run in the Herscher Pilot. She is working on finding a system that will let you pay online without a fee to help.

ORDINANCE:

Gayle Landeck spoke to the Board about adding a food trucks ordinance, Attorney Chris Bohlen will write up an ordinance for the Board to review at the next meeting.

POLICE:

Chief Quick let the Board know that Officer Pedro Solis is leaving for a different job, in the meantime Chief Quick will help cover the SRO position and will have some part-time officers that will be covering as well. He will hire a new SRO for the next school year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jacob Wagner spoke to the Board about hiring a new engineering company, MG2A, rates will go up but they will be able to help with grants. Jacob Wagner moved to hire MG2A. Jeremy Bauer seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Gayle Landeck-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jacob Wagner let the Board know that we got 3 bids in for a new tractor, AHW bid was for a 2019 tractor for \$61,000, Stoller was for a 2023 tractor for \$67,000, and Union Hill was a 2026 tractor for \$82,000. Jacob Wagner made a motion to accept Stoller's with a leasing agreement for 3 years. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Andy Cotter-absent, Gayle Landeck-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-abstained. All in favor; motion carried.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Jacob Wagner asked that we surplus the old tractor and Attorney Chris Bohlen said once he gets all the information on the old tractor, he will get it taken care of.

Village Treasurer Laura Peters went over the Treasurer's report with the Board.

Chief Quick spoke to the Board about getting a new TV in Police Office so it can be set up to see all the cameras at the schools.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vannessa Weaver, Village Deputy Clerk