

Village of Herscher Board Meeting
April 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 present were Gayle Landeck, Jeremy Bauer, Mike Bruner, Jacob Wagner and Andy Cotter. Skip Grigas was absent. Also, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, Police Chief Kurt Quick, Public Works Employees Keith Witheft and Sean Culver. Herscher Pilot Editor Janet Mau.

Jeremy Bauer moved to approve the Regular minutes of March 16, 2026; Andy Cotter seconded. All in favor; Motion carried.

STREETS:

Jacob Wagner said that he plans on paving but wants clarification on if we need to pave up to Park Rd. or stop before the sidewalk. If we do need to pave up to the road we will have to redo the sidewalks to be ADA Compliance. After some discussion Jacob said that he will reach out to the county.

FINANCE:

Mike Bruner presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$61,358.69 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-absent, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Payroll presented totaled \$50,915.18. Mike Bruner moved to accept the payroll as presented, Andy Cotter seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Mike Bruner also presented the monthly revenues sheet and treasurers report for February 2026.

Mike Bruner moved to approve the GASB levels for FY 26-27; Gayle Landeck-seconded. Roll call taken: Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, and Andy Cotter-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

PARKS:

Andy Cotter moved to hire a seasonal employee, Dennis Pankey. Jacob Wagner seconded the motion. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Andy said that the softball dugouts are coming along. Hoping they will be finished by the 1st game. The concrete truck messed up the grass to the dugout on the first base side. So, we will need to haul in dirt. Andy will be looking into water bottle fill stations.

WATER AND SEWER:

Jeremy Bauer said that the lab brought in around \$1,000 last month.

Jeremy added that we had an issue with the storm line in the alley of the Methodist Church. Usually once a year we have to jet that storm line because tree roots interfere. After we jetted the line this time it was noticed that the school contractor had capped the line that runs under the new school. After discussion it was decided that it needs to be resolved ASAP or we will be sending a letter.

ORDINANCE:

After discussion Gayle Landeck moved to table the Food Truck Ordinance #26-0. Jeremy Bauer seconded. All in favor motioned carried.

Gayle Landeck moved to waive the first reading of the Infrastructure Ordinance #26-02. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Gayle Landeck moved to consider this the final reading and passage of the Infrastructure Ordinance #26-02. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Gayle Landeck moved to waive the first reading of the Enterprise Zone Ordinance #26-03. Mike Bruner seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Gayle Landeck moved to consider this the final reading and pass the Enterprise Zone Ordinance #26-03. Jeremy Bauer seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Mike Bruner moved to waive the first reading of the Enterprise Zone Resolution #26-04. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Mike Bruner moved to consider this the final reading and passed the Enterprise Zone Resolution #26-04. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Gayle Landeck wanted to clarify that for the list of exceptions she is not requesting that Heather and Vannessa ask the Board for any exceptions except for anything like water bills only acceptations to Ordinance.

Jacob Wagner

added that he would like a policy to make sure water adjustments and waivers are the same for everyone.

POLICE:

Mike Bruner-moved to donate \$250 to the Bradley Police Department for National Night Out. Jacob Wagner seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Skip Grigas-absent, and Gayle Landeck-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Chief Quick said that he participated in a weather training. He said it was very informational. He said that we will need to rewrite the terrorism and disaster plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Bruner moved to approve FY 26-27 Meeting Schedule. Gayle Landeck seconded. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Mike Bruner informed the Board that there will be a fireworks committee meeting on April 30th. Members of the committee are Erik Tobey, Corrine Wheeler, Penny Berger, and Dennis Pankey. The firework committee oversees the firework celebration on July 10 after corn bowl in celebration of the 250th anniversary of signing of the Declaration of Independence.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shannon Sweeney said he was asked by the new wind farm company about placing a Radio Antenna on top of the water tower. He is waiting on a lease to look over before granting permission. Sean said that we need to be careful with the weight of the antenna and the damage it will cause.

Andy Cotter says that he will not be doing a stick pick up, if anyone wants to take over they can.

Clerk Meredith said that the large garbage pick up is May 16th.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Janet asked if we would like to make an ad in the paper explaining the water infrastructure fee.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Bruner. Second, by Jeremy Bauer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk