

Village of Herscher Board Meeting
March 16, 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, Gayle Landeck, and Andy Cotter. Also, Village Clerk Heather Meredith, Police Chief Kurt Quick, Public Works employees Keith Witheft, Sean Culver, Herscher Pilot Editor Janet Mau, Attorney Chris Bohlen.

Jacob Wagner moved to approve the Regular minutes of February 17, 2026. Gayle Landeck seconded. Motion carried. 5-0-1

STREETS:

Jacob Wagner says that he met Joel Greer from MG2A, our new engineer. Joel says he will be able to help us with grant writing. Jacob handed out map of the streets with a proposed paving schedule. President Sweeney asked Jacob to check with the county about the ADA ramps along Park Road.

FINANCE:

Mike Bruner presented the Accounts Payable Report totaling \$76,795.79 to the Board for payment. Mike Bruner moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

Mike Bruner presented payroll totaling \$49,195.28. Mike Bruner moved to accept the payroll as presented, Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

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

PARKS:

Andy Cotter handed out estimates and plans for the Leiser Field dugouts. The cost is \$39,290.00. The softball league says that they can reimburse us \$10,000.00, \$5,000 now and \$5,000 later this year.

Andy Cotter moved to approve \$39,290.00 for the new dugouts at Leiser Field. Jacob Wagner seconded the motion. Roll call taken Andy Cotter-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Jacob Wagner-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; Motion Carried.

WATER AND SEWER:

Sean Culver said that the lab brought in around \$600 last month.
Jeremy Bauer said that he will be setting up a budget meeting soon.

ORDINANCE:

Gayle Landeck reviewed the Food Truck Ordinance and suggested some changes. Attorney Bohlen will make changes and send back the updated ordinance.

Gayle Landeck is suggesting that a log of exceptions be kept for any exceptions to Ordinance. Any exception will need to be approved by the Board. President Sweeney said we would be taking away the Clerks discretion. Clerk Meredith says that we cannot get Board approval without having a Public Board Meeting. The Board concurred with Trustee Landeck and an exception log will be kept. President Sweeney said the PZB Hearing before the meeting on the Mendell property on Myrtle St was referred back to the Village Board for what the Village plans to do.

POLICE:

Skip Grigas says that his budget meeting went well and it should be set for what is needed for police. Chief Quick said that he would like to trade in the 2 older squads for 1 new one.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Sweeney said that he received an email from DCEO about a \$100,000 Bondable Grant that we will receive.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mike Bruner made a motion to enter Executive Session (7:53 pm) to discuss appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Village of Herscher and potential Litigations. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Jeremy Bauer-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, and Skip Grigas-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

Mike Bruner motioned to exit executive session at 8:19 p.m. Gayle Landeck seconded. All in favor motion carried.

Mike Bruner moved to approve 3% raises for all hourly and salary employees. Skip Grigas seconded. Roll call taken Jacob Wagner-aye, Andy Cotter-aye, Mike Bruner-aye, Gayle Landeck-aye, Skip Grigas-aye, and Jeremy Bauer-aye. All in favor; motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Meredith, Village Clerk