



**CITY OF HART  
407 S. STATE ST.  
HART, MI 49420  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
AUG. 1, 2017, 7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ron LaPorte, Councilors: Steve Hegedus, Joe Frontiera, Rob Splane, Jason La Fever and Jack Wittman.

**ABSENT:** Karen Thomson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager – Stan Rickard, City Attorney – Julie Springstead, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, Superintendent of DPW – Brad Whitney and Deputy Clerk - Cheri Eisenlohr. See attached attendance list for others present.

Mayor LaPorte called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., following roll call, he then opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mr. Wittman to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> amended agenda and supported by Mr. Hegedus. The minutes from July 25, 2017, regular meeting were approved as printed, motioned by Mr. La Fever and supported by Mr. Wittman. All ayes, motions carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:**

- Letter from the Mayor of Miki, Japan – Kazuhiko Nakata: Letter thanks the City for welcoming one of its students, Keisuke Arino, as an exchange student. Sara and Joe Bizon are sponsoring Keisuke during his time in Hart. The Council members welcomed Keisuke to Hart.
- Hart resident, Mike Fuller, addressed the Council regarding the removal of the dock that he placed on City property on Hart Lake. He has removed the dock and his boat at the request of the City Manager. After a discussion regarding City owned property, Mr. Fuller left the meeting.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- BioPure Superintendent, Paul Cutter spoke regarding that MFP will be starting zucchini and cherries would be ending soon. He has met with the DEQ regarding the new irrigation site and center pivots.
- Police Chief Salazar: Absent
- DPW Superintendent, Brad Whitney gave updates on the following items:
  - Lower parking lot construction has started and is expected to take five weeks.
  - New signage is on City Halls front columns.
  - Peerless Midwest is doing yearly maintenance on the pumps.
  - Disc Golf Course – concrete is to be poured soon. Some holes were moved to avoid permitting issues.
- Main Street Manager, Julie Kreilick: Absent

**REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES:**

None

**BILLS, CLAIMS, PAYROLL:**

Mr. Rickard discussed the following invoices in detail:

Electrical Power Products: \$18,529.00 – Substation Control Equipment, 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue Substation

Mike Blackmer Electric: \$4,838.12 – Brickwork at the old DPW building

West Shore Bank: \$11,354.09 – Final Payment on the “Old Water Tank” painting loan

Bills totaled: **\$145,150.21**

A motion was made by Mr. Frontiera and supported by Mr. Hegedus to approve the payables and payroll in the amount stated.

Ayes: 6      Nay: 0      Absent: 1

Discussion: None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

City Manager, Stan Rickard presented the following:

**RESOLUTION 17-64  
City Council  
City of Hart, Michigan**

***PICKUP TRUCK REPLACEMENT  
BIOPURE TREATMENT FACILITY***

WHEREAS, the City of Hart owns and operates the BioPure Treatment Facility that requires the use of a small fleet of trucks for operations and maintenance duties; and a 2005 pickup truck should be replaced due to wear, corrosion and increased annual maintenance; and there are budgeted funds in the FY2018 annual budget for a replacement unit; and

WHEREAS, BioPure staff secured three proposals for a ½ ton replacement unit as follows: Great Lakes Ford, \$26,220.64; Meyers Chevrolet, \$27,195.83; and My Auto Import, \$31,183.00; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure the benefits of efficient self-government and to promote and protect our common interests and welfare, the City Council hereby declares:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

*Accepts a Great Lakes Ford proposal in the amount of \$26,220.64 for a 2018 Ford 4WD F-150 pickup truck, and authorizes and directs the City Manager to purchase the truck on behalf of the City of Hart.*

Moved by Mr. Splane, supported by Mr. Frontiera, and thereafter adopted by the Hart City Council at the regular council meeting held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

Ayes 6            Nays 0            Absent 1

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the document on file with the office of the City of Hart Clerk.

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Cheryl Rabe, City Clerk

Discussion: None

**RESOLUTION 17-65  
City Council  
City of Hart, Michigan**

***SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT***

WHEREAS, the City of Hart owns and maintains a public sidewalk system; and

WHEREAS, the public sidewalk adjacent to the Oceana County Historical and Genealogical Society (Lincoln & Dryden) and sidewalk on the north side of Lincoln to Hart Street is severely deteriorated and dangerous and should be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the City receives State of Michigan Act 51 Funding from motor fuel revenues for transportation improvements including public sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to expend a minimum 5% of their annual Act 51 revenues for nonmotorized transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, Public Works staff secured two proposals for replacing the aforementioned sidewalk as follows: Blackmer Construction (Hart), \$11,943.50; and Kirk Seabolt (Hart), \$18,260.00; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure the benefits of efficient self-government and to promote and protect our common interests and welfare, the City Council hereby declares:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

*Accepts a Blackmer Construction proposal in the amount of \$11,943.50 for replacing public sidewalk at Lincoln Street & Dryden Street to Hart Street adjacent to the Oceana Historical and Genealogical Society.*

*Authorizes and directs the City Manager to implement the sidewalk improvements on behalf of the City of Hart.*

Moved by Mr. Splane, supported by Mr. Frontiera, and thereafter adopted by the Hart City Council at the regular council meeting held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

Ayes 6            Nays 0            Absent 1

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Discussion: None

**At 8:04 pm, Mayor LaPorte left the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem, Jason La Fever, took over the meeting.**

**SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT:**

None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Mr. Rickard reported on:

- BioPure Irrigation: Site, Permitting, Improvements – Paul covered this earlier – no further comments.
- August 3, 2017, Planning Commission Agenda – Reminder of the upcoming meeting. The sign ordinance will be back on the agenda.
- Email from Brent Henry – MPPA regarding a new wind project in the thumb area of the State.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:** Mr. Rickard formerly announced his retirement from the City effective August 2, 2018, fourteen years to the day of starting with the City. He was thanked for his dedicated service.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Ms. Springstead-Waltz stated that by the next meeting the Schlee property transfer should be complete.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Hegedus and supported by Mr. Splane. The next meeting is Aug. 1, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. and will be at the BioPure Treatment Facility.