



# HEBRON NEWS

Honoring our past, moving toward the future

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT



**President:**  
**Kimmy Martinez**

**Trustees:**  
**Mark Shepherd**  
**Sue Ritzert**  
**Steve Vole**  
**Mark Mogan**  
**Jim Lange**  
**Pete Canfield**

I hope everyone is enjoying Summer!

We have all been busy here at Village Hall preparing for Hebron's Garage & Shop Sales which will be on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 3 pm/4-ish. If you'd like to participate, please call Rose Smith-Miller at 815-648-2353 Ext. 10 and leave your name & address. A limited number of Garage Sale Signs are available for residential yards so be sure to pick one up early. We ask that you please return them to Village Hall afterwards, so they can be reused next year. Happy selling!

### VILLAGE CLERK

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### TREASURER

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The Water Tower Project bid was won by Tecorp out of Joliet, Illinois and will begin on July 31<sup>st</sup>. This project consists of repairs, upgrades and a complete strip & repaint which is contracted for a 75-day maximum completion period. Our contract requires the tank to be back in-service within 75 days of being taken out of service. To clarify, the Water Tower Project is more than just a power wash and repaint as talk would have. Rust spots, both surface and those which have gone completely through are being repaired as well as a manway door replacement. Additionally, two features which should have been included in the original design and structure of the tank, are being added; the first is a failsafe vent; and the second an overflow pipe extension.

Our overall budget for the project is \$390,000. The engineer's original estimate was approximately \$370,000. The Tecorp bid came in at \$348,500 and portable tanks will cost approximately \$12,500 for a grand total of \$361,000. The monies left over, \$29,000, can be used one of two ways. The first as an additional payment towards the principal of our IEPA Loan or secondly towards our Public Works maintenance fund for water mains throughout town. In all honesty, I'd like to see the money put towards maintenance for our water mains, as some are quite old and on our repair list. Please let a Village Board member or myself know where you'd like that money to go. When the project is complete, the Village Board will be voting on the placement of the leftover funds.

Water Bills are now due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month and our Water Billing Department hours are Monday through Thursday, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and Fridays 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Outside of department hours, bills can be dropped off in the gray box in front of the Village Hall or dropped off inside Village Hall on Mondays from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm or Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Online E-pay is always an option as well, however, keep in mind that the surcharge you see is charged by the State of Illinois and not the Village of Hebron.

I encourage everyone to attend our Village Board meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month. Any changes in dates/times will be posted outside Village Hall and on our website.

As an additional side note, Village Hall is a Wi-Fi Hotspot for the duration of the Water Tower Project. Any resident in need of Wi-Fi may come to Village Hall during regular business hours and utilize the Board Room.

Wishing you a beautiful rest of Summer,

*Sincerely,*

*Kimmy Martinez*



## OUR POLICE

First and foremost, we would like to welcome Officer Schmoeller as our third full time police officer to the department. Not only is he an outstanding officer, but he takes the concerns of our town and our citizens to heart. He will be a great asset to our department.

We continue to strive to be ahead of the game and up to date when it comes to training thanks to our Training Officer, R. Liace. We are still extending our hours which will provide more police coverage for our town and citizens.

We continue to offer free gun locks at the Village Hall. See the Village Clerk if you would like to pick one up.

With the increasing temperatures, please stay hydrated and cool. If you're traveling with pets, remember to not lock them in a hot car with the windows rolled up.

Chief R. Donlea  
Hebron Police Dept.

## FROM OUR TREASURER

From the Treasurer's Office

The Village of Hebron's fiscal year ended April 31, 2018. The books for that fiscal year are currently being audited by an independent auditor and will be completed soon. The good news is that all fund balances were positive and the revenues and expenditures budgeted and appropriated were on target. Our Village keeps all of the Village's money in separate funds that are designated for specific purposes. We have a General Fund that includes Administration, Police, Streets and Building Funds and a Sewer and Water Fund, a Motor Fuel Tax Fund and a Sewer and Water Capital Projects Fund. Each of these funds have their own revenue and their own expenses that are tracked separately.



### Dollar and Sense

The Board of Trustees have now set the new budget and approved the appropriations ordinance for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The good news is that all of the Funds are anticipated to be in a positive position again at the end of the current fiscal year. The Village President and the Board of Trustees are working diligently to solve some of the financial challenges while providing better services to our community and to provide for fiscally responsible maintenance of our assets. Saving programs have been instituted to provide for long term capital and maintenance needs in all departments. The emphasis of this new budget was to prioritize all maintenance and capital needs and begin planning and setting aside monies for future needs. This budget provides for Village Clerk duties full time and increased hours of police protection. The emphasis in all departments was to anticipate needs, prioritize spending and develop a five year plan for continued improvement. The watertower project is one that is being paid for out of earmarked fund balances and is not coming out of any current revenues.

The budget does reflect the successful renegotiation of the IEPA loan with regularly scheduled principal and interest payments.

The Budget and the Appropriations Ordinance information will be available on the Village web site. Please do call with any questions you may have on the budget or any suggestions you have for next year's budget. We encourage your input into this process.

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## What is FOIA?

FOIA is the freedom of information Act which allows for records in possession of public agencies to be accessed by the public upon written request. The Village of Hebron has a request form on our website under the forms section. They can then be turned into the Village Clerk who is the FOIA officer for the Village of Hebron. For questions on FOIA please go to the link below which will provide more information. [http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/government/FAQ\\_FOIA\\_Public.pdf](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/government/FAQ_FOIA_Public.pdf)

### VILLAGE CLERK

#### VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Tuesday-Friday 9am—2pm

815-648-2353 EXT. 10

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# Notes from public works:



**STREETS:** The street department will be very busy this summer. The Village will be replacing many sections of sidewalk. Please give them a call if you see a section in need of repair.

Just a reminder that brush pick up by the Village is the 1st and 3rd Mondays in May and October and if there is storm damage. Please contact Prairie Land or purchase the bags and stickers available at Hebron Lumber for any brush to be removed outside this time frame. The Village does not pick up yard waste. Again, Prairie Land can do that for our residents. Prairie Land 847-381-9300.

## WATER:

A few ways to conserve water. Toilet leaks can be silent. Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the bowl without flushing there's a leak. Fix it and start saving water. Most common leak is a bad flapper in the toilet. Turn off the water when brushing your teeth.

## WATER/SEWER BILLING

The Water/Sewer Billing Department would like to remind residents that if you are selling or purchasing a home in the Village you need to receive a certification from the Billing Department to take to closing showing that all bills have been paid. We do not forward bills and they must be paid prior to close. Please contact the office and someone will do a final read and let you know what is owed.

The Village bills once a month now and all bills are now due by the 1st of each month. For your convenience you can pay your bills online via the Village website, in the drop box at front of the Village Hall, at the billing office or with the Village Clerk. All questions on billing should be directed to the billing office. Current Water & Sewer Rates: Water is \$.96 per 100 cubic feet.

Sewer is \$11.79 per 100 cubic feet. Sewer Base fee is \$31.27 and Water Base fee is \$17.05. A 10% late fee is added after the due date.

You can contact the Billing Department at 12007 Prairie Ave. ( back entrance), by phone 815-648-2353 ext.20 and by email at [wsbilling@villageofhebron.org](mailto:wsbilling@villageofhebron.org).



## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Village of Hebron Code Enforcement Officer is working diligently to clean up the look of our Village. We want to set a good impression to the people who visit or drive through our Village. Please be a good neighbor and check out your own property to see if there are any improvements you can make. If you have any questions please be sure to contact our building inspector, Dick Ackerman at 815-482-4558.

Building permit applications can be picked up at the Village Hall during Clerk hours.