VILLAGE OF HEBRON SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2025

On the roll call at 6:00 p.m., Trustees Shepherd, Correll, Milarski, Stevens, Mindham and Mogan were present as well as President Shelton and Attorney Smoron. Newspaper reporter Janelle Walker and approximately 35 visitors.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Pat Tibbets, had questions about where and when the notice was posted, why was this not on the Agenda at the last Village Board meeting to save money for the Village residents. She asked why the Police Chief has not been interviewing potential candidates, will he be paid as a part-time employee or will he be paid to do nothing.

Linda Olesen, asked why this meeting was a special meeting, wasting more tax payers money. Asked what Chief Goldman has been doing. Why is this an emergency. Stated that it seems the Chief Police is struggling transitioning from security guard to Police Chief.

Steven Morris, wanted to know why the Village is paying money to County for a job Chief Goldman is supposed to be doing as he is making \$70,000.00 a year and doing nothing but cleaning and painting his office. Sergeant Biancalana did the same job without the Chief title and was able to patrol the streets. He asked why Chief Goldman was not at the meeting pleading his case to the Village residents. Every Chief was a working Chief in this Village prior to Chief Goldman. He also stated he filled out a FOIA request and he knows that there are 3 people that could have fulfilled his FOIA request, but an outside 1099 employee fulfilled it in which she had no right to fulfill as she is not certified.

Sarah Taylor, newer resident that had worked under President Shelton. Stated President Shelton ran out all the Officers. Stated that the residents also ran out the officers. Concerned that there is no Officer on patrol at the school and her daughter almost got hit not once but twice. The Village needs to do something. She called the police department because of an incident at her residence then had to call County because the police department did not answer. McHenry County told her they would send it over to Hebron Police Department. She then informed McHenry County that Hebron does not have a Police Department anymore, thanks to President Shelton. She asked President Shelton to stand up to the plate with some integrity. Cindy Erckfritz, Works for the school, for 20 of the 28 years at the school the alarm company would call her. Wants to know why we need to have this agreement, when the Village did not back in the day and County always responded before without an agreement.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE INERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MCHENRY, THE MCHENRY COUNTY SHERIFF, AND THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON FOR POLICE SERVICES.

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of McHenry, The McHenry County Sheriff, and the Village of Hebron for Police services. Trustee Mogan seconded the motion. President Shelton stated that the Village is looking for Police Officers and have an ad in the blue line for quite some time. The ad has had approximately 900 views, 4 interested, and 1 provided an application. Stated that in regard to the Village this Intergovernmental Agreement is to provide additional service, visibility and support to the Village.

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The only full-time officer Sergeant Biancalana is out on medical leave. This will provide an additional 4 hours of service until Sergeant Biancalana returns. Unfortunately, he has been out on workman's compensation. President Shelton stated that Chief Goldman does patrol the Village 2 times a day. Conversation ensued. Concerns were that the Police Chief is not fulfilling his duties as Chief Police, how many hours will McHenry County be patrolling in the Village of Hebron, what is the cost, how long is short term, why is the Chief of Police not at the meeting, why is this an emergency after months of no police officers and where is this money coming from. Concerned that the police chief is not at the crosswalks at the schools. The contract ends March 31, 2025. The contract is to supplement police coverage to the Village of Hebron temporarily.

Trustee Stevens made a Motion to table The Motion to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of McHenry Sheriff, and the Village of Hebron for Police Services until Chief Goldman could attend the meeting. Trustee Milarski seconded the Motion.

Trustees Milarski, Stevens, and Mindham answered Aye and Trustees Shepherd, Correll, and Mogan answered Nay, President Shelton answered Nay. The Motion did not carry.

Trustees Correll, Shepherd, Mogan answered Aye, Trustees Milarski, Stevens, and Mindham answered Nay to original Motion. President Shelton answered Aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

All voted in favor of adjournment Trustee Shepherd, Correll, Milarski, Mindham, Stevens, and Mogan, and by answering aye. Motion carried by all. Adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Roxanne Johnson,

Village Clerk

Robert W. Shelton, Village President

Minutes prepared by: Roxanne Johnson, Village Clerk

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Village Board, the official minutes will be kept on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: 02/24/2025