



Spring—Summer 2017

HEBRON NEWS

Honoring our past, moving toward the future

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT



It has been a very busy 45+ days since taking office. In that time, we have touched on many subjects and are diligently working to address community concerns. With regards to the IEPA and our outstanding loan, we are still awaiting a response. Short of missing a beat, I've been in contact with Congressman Hultgren's office as well, while attempting to move this matter forward. It is a pleasure to announce that Hebron has passed a Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for fiscal year 2017-2018.

We have some new appointments to the Village. Police Chief, Rich Donlea; Village Board Trustee, Jim Lange and Emergency Management Coordinator, Dennis Durbin. Jim will chair Special Events within the Village while Dennis will be implementing an Emergency Management Plan for the Village.

In the works are improvements to our sidewalks, of which we will not be charging homeowners the standard 50% of cost. Repairs will also be forthcoming to the railing downtown, on Main Street. Additional improvements to our street lighting along the Main Street thoroughfare are also being researched.

A senior bus grant has been applied for and we should have an update with our fall newsletter.

A gas station is being planned for our 173 corridor. More information will be shared, when available, by fall.

Our Village Board meetings have been full, including our special meetings. It's a pleasure to see our citizens participating in local government and hope this new trend continues.

As always, feel free to contact me via phone, e-mail or in person. Have a beautiful summer!

Kimmy Martinez
Village President

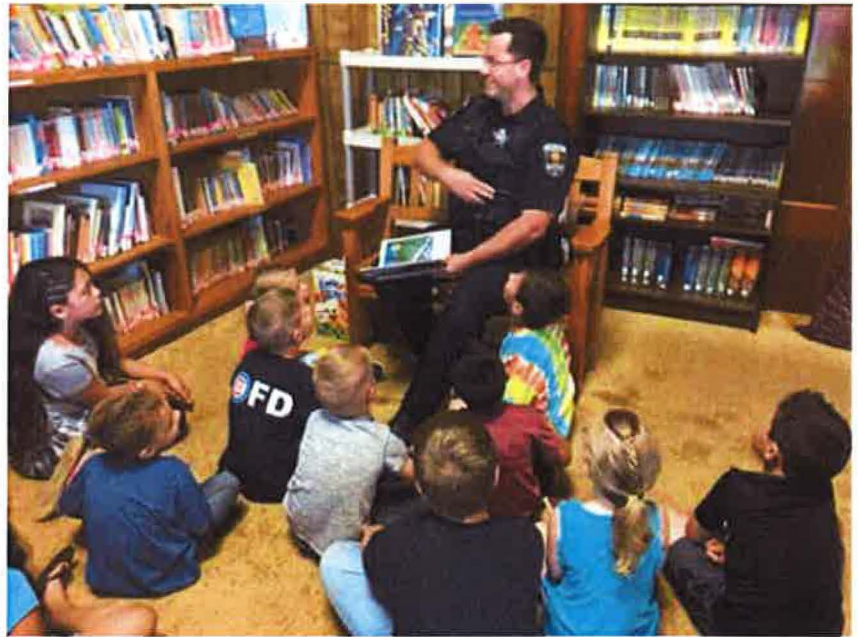
The Clerks Office:

Coming soon to a Village near you. A NEW WEBSITE!! The Village is working on a new website that will be more user friendly. It will now include the Village Ordinances (Code Book). The goal is to have one place to find all you may need from the Village. Our website is: www.villageofhebron.org . Watch for the new site and let us know what you think.

FROM OUR PD

Hebron Police will be hiring a truck enforcement officer whom will be on duty in July.

Lead by example. Summer begins June 21st. Distracted driving is more dangerous then ever before. Drivers must be aware of pedestrian and bicycle traffic especially when children are present. Lead by example when driving on village streets. Drive the speed limit and only use your cell phone if you are hands free.



Officer Gohmann reads to the kids at the library

Stay safe
Hebron Police



From the Treasurer's Office

We have a goal to have some financial news in every newsletter. We have named this segment of the newsletter Dollars and Sense because we will be addressing the Village dollars in a way that will, hopefully, make sense to the readership of this publication.

Patricia Syens is the Treasurer of the village and Jane Hahn shares the duties of this office. The main function of the Treasurer's office is to keep track of all the financial records and submit all payments to the Trustees for payment.. All the revenue is posted, the bank accounts reconciled and all the expenses are monitored, paid and properly posted to the correct accounts.

Dollar and Sense

The village has a fiscal year that begins May 1st and ends April 30th. State law requires the appropriation ordinance be adopted during the first quarter. The Appropriation Ordinance is basically a line item that shows the maximum that can be spent during the fiscal year. At the June 19th Board meeting the Board adopted the Appropriation Ordinance for 2017-18 and they also adopted a budget for this period. The budget is a more specific amount that is expected to be received and spent. Both of these documents will be on the Village website. Our goal this year is to have the financial information available to the public. Please check out the web site at www.villageofhebron.org. You can email any questions to us at treasurer@villageofhebron.org and we will try to get a quick response back to you.

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 Capital Projects Fund. Each of these funds have their own revenue and their own expenses that are tracked separately.

The good news is that all of the Funds are anticipated to be in a positive position at the end of this fiscal year. The new Village President and the new Board of Trustees are working diligently to solve some of the financial challenges while providing better services to our community.

Notes from public works:

STREETS:

The street department will be very busy this summer. The Village will be replacing many sections of sidewalk. They also are fixing the railing on Main Street along their regular duties. Be sure to say hi when you see them out there.

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 Prairieland or purchase the bags and stickers available at Hebron Lumber for any brush to be removed outside that 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:

The water and sewer rates are as followed:

Water base=\$48.71 water usage=\$0.91 per 100 cubic ft.

Sewer Base=\$89.35 Sewer Usage=\$6.43 per 100 cubic ft.

The village has been changing out water meters and going to auto reads which means you will have a current read and no more estimates. Estimated readings can create higher bills when readings have been estimated too low.

Please help us get your new meter installed so you will not have estimated readings moving forward by calling the water department at 815-403-7594. Beginning in August of 2017 the Village Of Hebron will be going to monthly billing. We are doing this in hopes to make it a little easier on our residents.

SEWER:

To flush or not to flush is the question. LOL We would like to provide the residents with a list of non-flushables, if you are unsure about something going down the drain please call or just throw it away in the garbage. We would also like to ask residents not to dispose of grease down the sewers or drains.

OK to flush

Toilet paper
Kleenex
Feces
Urine
Used mop water
Bath water
Sink water

Not ok to flush

Diapers/Wipes
Feminine products
Face wash wipes
Dead animals/pets
Paper towels
Cardboard
Grease
Rocks
Garbage

A tornado watch is just to let folks know to be on the lookout for a possible tornado in the area whereas a Tornado Warning is a notification that a tornado has been seen or picked up by radar.

A **Tornado Watch** is issued to alert people to the possibility of a tornado developing in your area. At this point, a tornado has not been seen but the conditions are very favorable for tornadoes to occur at any moment.

Things to do when a Tornado Watch is issued:

- Keep alert and watch for changing weather conditions
- Listen to your local news reports & weather updates
- Review your family or business emergency preparedness plan
- Review your disaster kit
- Be ready to seek shelter at a moments notice
- What to Watch for during a Tornado Watch:
 - Dark greenish or orange-gray skies
 - Large hail
 - Large, dark, low-lying, rotating or funnel-shaped clouds
 - A loud roar that is similar to a freight train



Tornado Warning

A Tornado Warning is issued when a tornado has actually been sighted or has been picked up on radar in your area. This means that you need to take shelter immediately in a safe sturdy structure. In the Village of Hebron, the emergency warning sirens are activated in the event of a tornado warning. Hebron residents should keep in mind that the Village DOES NOT give an "all clear" signal.

Things to do when a Tornado Warning is issued:

- Take shelter immediately
- Listen to your local radio for updates
- Follow the National Weather Service Safety Guidelines (below)
- What not to do during a tornado:
 - Do not stay in a Mobile home as they offer very little protection from tornadoes.
 - Do not open the windows in your home or business
 - Do not try to outrun a tornado in a car
 - Do not get under a highway overpass or bridge as you will be exposing yourself to flying debris and stronger winds.

National Weather Service Safety Guidelines

If you are in a building: Go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the buildings lowest level. If you don't have a basement, take shelter in the center of an interior room on the lowest level, such as a bathroom, closet or interior hallway that is away from corners, windows, doors and outside walls.

If you are in a vehicle, trailer or mobile home: Get out immediately and go to a nearby sturdy building or storm shelter and seek shelter on its lowest floor.

If you are outside without nearby shelter: Lie down in a ditch, ravine, or depression nearby and cover your head with your hands.

Be safe out there!