

VILLAGE OF HEBRON  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2019

President Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Santoro, Wagner, and Peterson answered aye to roll call. Trustee Lange was absent.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve minutes of February 25, 2019 Village Special Board Meeting**

Trustee Santoro made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2019 Village Special Board meeting. Trustee Wagner seconded the motion. Trustees Santoro, Wagner, Shepherd, Ritzert, and Peterson approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve March/April 2019 Accounts Payable**

Trustee Shepherd reported that the General Fund total was \$18,785.25. The Water/Sewer Fund was \$15,717.83, which gives a combined total of \$34,503.08. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve March/April accounts payable as presented. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd, Peterson, Ritzert, Santoro, and Wagner, approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**President's Report**

President Martinez began by acknowledging Larry Smith, our McHenry County Board Representative for District 6. Larry contacted Village Public Works Superintendent, Dan Nelson, regarding a grant opportunity provided to the County by the State of Illinois. The state put money aside for buildings in disrepair and considered "tear downs." As the Village owns the property known as 12007 Maple Avenue, which is in disrepair, the Village is eligible for such a grant. President Martinez put Village Building Inspector, Dick Ackerman, in touch with Dennis Sandquist, Director of Planning and Development for McHenry County. On March 15th, the County Health Department and the County Building Inspector were at the property to inspect it. Their findings will go to a County Committee meeting and they will then contact Dick regarding possible Grant monies.

Chief Donlea and Sergeant Gohmann are pursuing additional grant monies from the state for the next fiscal year as well.

At this time, President Martinez introduced John Tuttle from Conserv regarding a proposal for a gas station at or near the intersection of Route 47 and Price Road. She then gave a brief history of the effort by the Village to pursue a gas station company including a convenience store. She mentioned that Conserv would not support a Convenience store, but their availability of multi-grade fuels can enhance much needed retail tax revenue for the Village.

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**Public Comment 1**

*Shannon Combs of 10014 Center Street* reported that the date of the upcoming Motorcycle Show is the same date as the High School Graduation. She would like to see these events on different days. President Martinez stated that the dates have always coincided, but that they are not held at the same time. She felt that because of this, it would be ok.

*Ray Stalker of 11828 Prairie* expressed concern about the School Bond issue and the upcoming referendum. He said the financial impact could force more people to leave Illinois. President Martinez announced that there will be a meeting regarding this issue and encouraged people to attend.

There were no other comments at this time.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve Gas Station Proposal by Conserv fs - J. Tuttle**

President Martinez opened the floor to John Tuttle for a brief presentation. He stated that they are headquartered in Woodstock, IL. They are an AG retailer; delivering liquid fuel to farmers. They are governed by an eight member Board of which Mike Von Bergen is a member. He stated that they do have interest in Hebron although they would like to do a traffic study first. Trustee Santoro asked if there would be above ground tanks. Mr. Tuttle stated that there would not be and that they are not allowed in Illinois. Trustee Peterson asked how successful their current locations in Rochelle, Waterman, and DeKalb were. Mr. Tuttle stated that they are quite successful businesses, treating their employees well. Trustee Wagner asked how much land was needed and Mr. Tuttle responded 5 acres. Mike Von Bergen stated that the taxes alone on fuel sales would be substantial. No motion was made at this time.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve Sale of Food Pantry Trailer as Surplus**

President Martinez stated that the funds of such a sale would go to the Public Works Capital Development account for future expansion of the Public Works facility off of Freeman Road. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the sale of the former food pantry trailer as surplus. Trustee Santoro seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd, Santoro, Peterson, Ritzert, and Wagner, approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve Joe Nilles Appeal of Water Bill Reduction to the Village Board**

At this time, President Martinez gave Joe Nilles the floor. Mr. Nilles stated that he owns rental properties on Illinois and Bigelow in the Village. He stated that he found out late in May of 2018 that the water/sewer bills on those properties were much overdue. He felt that the Village should have alerted him to these past due balances created by his tenants. President Martinez stated that he was alerted eight months ago. Discussion ensued regarding issues brought to the Village attention by his tenants; they stated that their concerns were not responded to by Mr. Nilles. Mr. Nilles stated that he feels that he has

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always responded to his tenants in a timely manner. Discussion continued regarding payment plans and the need for possible changes to procedures. This issue was tabled until the Village Board meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve Motorcycle Show on May 19**

President Martinez announced that the 7th Annual Antique and Classic Bike Show by the Midwest Antique Classic Motorcycle Club will be held on Sunday, May 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She also stated that Mr. Kerry Blass has requested parking space blockage from in front of Hart's down to and including half of Third Street on the north side only.

Discussion ensued regarding offering a sidewalk area where food, both alcoholic and non- alcoholic beverages would be served. President Martinez mentioned that there have been zero issues with this group over the past six years. She also stated that the Hebron police would be on duty and Hart's has graciously offered use of their bathroom as there will not be any portable restrooms. Trustee Shepherd recommended alerting Risk Management and roping off an area for alcohol consumption. Chief Donlea stated that barricades could be placed to contain the alcoholic beverage area. President Martinez asked the Clerk to contact IMLRMA regarding insurance coverage.

Trustee Wagner made a motion to approve the Motorcycle Show and sale of food and alcoholic beverage from local business on the sidewalk dictated by IMLRMA Insurance coverage. Trustee Santoro seconded the motion. Trustee Wagner, Santoro, Shepherd, Ritzert, and Peterson approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**Department Head Reports**

Dan Nelson stated that community brush pickup will be the first and third weeks of May. He will pick up brush sooner, however, as there was heavy storm damage. In addition, he added the downtown railing is coming along. He also mentioned that he would like to see a 'Cruise Night' in the Village once a month. Trustee Santoro stated that he would be willing to help organize.

The Chief stated that, as of the beginning of March, the police have full time coverage. As a result, they are seeing an increase in dividends from increased coverage (DUI's, Police Tows, etc). He questioned whether or not there will be a tractor show this year. President Martinez stated that she will find out and get back to him. She went on to say that the police department is doing an outstanding job.

**Public Comments 2**

*Char Borman of 9717 Main Street* mentioned that the Village already has a gas station in town and she questioned whether or not there is need for another.

*Mike Von Bergen of 9719 IL Route 173* stated that he was a Township Trustee and that they appointed a new trustee tonight and his name is Rob Maule. He mentioned that they are in need of Planning and Zoning members. Their regular Board meeting will be held

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on April 10th and the Town meeting will be on April 9th. In addition, O'Brien Road will be closed beginning April 1 to rebuild the bridge.

*Cyndie Erckfritz* of 9711 Jean Drive commended the Village Public Works Department for filling the pot holes on the roads throughout town. She also commended the Village Police Department.

There were no other comments at this time.

**Attorney Report**

None

**Board Comments**

Trustee Shepherd stated that he was happy to see the new squad cars on the road. He asked if all the cars would have graphics. Chief Donlea responded that the graphics are costly and they need to save up for it. He also believes that the Crown Vic works well as an unmarked vehicle.

Trustee Ritzert commented that the Village meetings have become quite pleasant.

Trustee Santoro is also happy to see the new squads and he would welcome a new gas station.

Trustee Peterson asked when Label Graphics was to move their truck. It was confirmed that the date was the beginning of April.

President Martinez stated that the April 1st meeting will be cancelled leaving the next scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, April 15th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Wagner made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Trustee Santoro seconded the motion. Motion carried by all voting aye.



Jean Attermeier,  
Village Clerk



Kimmy Martinez,  
Village President