

VILLAGE OF HEBRON
MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Monthly Meeting Minutes of the
VILLAGE OF HEBRON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, September 23, 2024

Village President Robert Shelton called the meeting of the Village Board to order at 6:02 p.m.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Present: Roll call: Shepherd, Correll, Milarski, Stevens, and Mindham answered aye to roll call. Trustee Mogan was absent.

Also Present: Attorney Smoron, Clerk Johnson, Sergeant Biancalana, and approximately 15 Visitors were in attendance.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the August 12, 2024 Special Board meeting, Minutes of the August 26, 2024 Village Board meeting, and minutes of the September 9, 2024 Special Board meeting.

Trustee Milarski made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2024, Special Board meeting, Minutes of the August 26, 2024, Village Board meeting and minutes of the September 9, 2024 Special Board meeting. Trustee Stevens seconded the motion.

Trustee Shepherd, Correll, Milarski, Stevens, and Mindham, approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve the August/September 2024 Accounts Payable Balance.

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the June/July 2024 accounts payable balance except for the Hughes bill until confirmation from treasurer that the amount stated is correct. Trustee Milarski seconded the motion. Trustee Shepard reported that there are big bills from Certified Balance & Scale Corp. in the amount of \$1569.00 for balancing scales for water/sewer, Lionheart Critical Power Specialists in the amount of \$7,394.90 generator repair, FOIA requests in the amount of \$1,522.50, CSI in the amount of \$500.00 for research on computers for the FOIA requests. The total from General fund is \$22,838.28 and Sewer/Water is \$34,727.57, and Grand Total of \$57,565.85. Trustee Shepherd reported that there was one add-on in the amount of \$325.00 for the entertainment at Fall Fest. Trustee Milarski asked about Hughes bill as it looks like a double charge. Conversation ensued; Trustee Shepherd stated he would contact the Treasurer for confirmation. Trustee Stevens asked when will the FOIA be back in house, Clerk Johnson stated they are back in house, However, the \$500.00 was from the batch of FOIA that the attorney was finishing up.

Trustee Shepherd, Correll, Milarski, Stevens, and Mindham, approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Presidents Report.

President Shelton stated that the Jacobson/Woods Street Project preconstruction meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2024, to coordinate the plans and projects. Hoping to get a start date at that meeting. The Source Water Protection Plan is working on the mission statement and the plan is moving forward. Prairie Street Project Phase III is ready to start and just waiting on the grant funds to be released. The Hebron Fall Fest took place on September 21, 2024, and had a nice turnout.

Public Comment.

Pat Tibbets, would like to know who is responsible for the sidewalk at the High School as it has no handicap access to the sidewalk. Concerned that the corner house by the school and across from the bank has an evergreen tree that blocks the view of oncoming traffic which will cause some dangerous issues in the future. However, she wanted to compliment them on the great job with the landscaping, it all looks great.

Violet Haanpaa, concerned about the tree limbs on the Corner of St Albans and 3rd Street that are blocking the stop sign and people are not stopping at the stop sign. She would like to know who is responsible for trimming the trees on the easements, and if that is the Villages responsibility could they please trim them soon.

Pat Peterson, concerned that the FOIA's are not being done by a certified FOIA officer and could have saved the Village money by having them done in house. Upset that the Village has had 4 meetings in two months in which is costing the Village a lot of money asked if it could have waited for the regularly scheduled meeting to reduce these costs.

Department Heads.

Dan Nelson, Public Works, replaced lights on the exterior of the Village Hall, cut down trees and overgrowth around Village Hall and cleaned out gutters, repaired sidewalks. Paving on Prairie Avenue is complete and will be starting on St Albans soon. Replaced sidewalk on Illinois Street, along with refurbishing of driveway and parkway from replacement of water line. Located 22 of 23 B boxes on Prairie Avenue to get ready for the next phase of the water line replacement. Raised 4 sewer manholes that were buried underground that Nicor found with their cameras. Repaired the exhaust on the 5-yard dump truck. Cleaned up the back of the shop. Hung Fall Fest flyers and prepared the park for the event.

Bruce Biancalana, everything is going well, and things are moving along. Total of 161 incidents from 8/23/2024 to 9/23/2024. The new Squad car is scheduled to be set up, all parts are in however cannot get it on the schedule until beginning of November.

Hughes Environmental Consulting, working on the Source Water Protection Plan, had the kickoff meeting with EEI and Village Staff, Village of Hebron vision statement is being developed.

Motion to Approve a New Website Host/Builder.

Trustee Milarski made a motion to Approve a New Website Host/Builder. Trustee Mindham seconded the motion. Clerk Johnson stated that the website is expiring in January 2025 and has received 2 quotes. Trustee Milarski would like to do more research and possibly switch to a .gov in which it provides more security, cannot be copied and it is free. She would like to table this Motion until October. Trustee Milarski will be helping with the research of the website along with Clerk Johnson.

Trustee Mindham made a Motion to table the Motion to Approve a New Website Host/Builder to October 28, 2024, meeting and Trustee Milarski seconded the motion.

Trustee Shepherd, Correll, Milarski, Stevens, and Mindham, approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Attorney Report.

Attorney Smoron spoke on the Janelle Walker FOIA matter and wanted to commend Sergeant Biancalana, Clerk Johnson on the investigation, fantastic response in getting the responses done in a timely manner. He also thanked the staff for their timely response to getting this done and really appreciated all the hard work.

Board Comments.

Mark Shepherd, stated the patching on the streets look great and thanked Dan Nelson, Public Works. Thanked Sergeant Biancalana for all his hard work and for staying on budget. He loved the Fall Fest/Car show and felt it had a great turn out.

Shirlee Correll, thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, thanked Dan Nelson, Public works for repairing the lights on Village Hall.

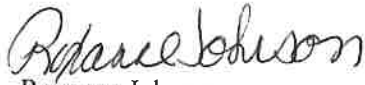
Dawn Milarski, thanked Attorney Smoron for all his hard work on the FOIA response, thanked Clerk Johnson for being a Notary in which made it easier to take care of these responses. Concerned on the response from CSI and doesn't find him easy to work with. Felt the Fall Fest went very well, lots of cars and she would like to possibly move to a car show in the future. The annual Scarecrow contest has started, and she hopes this will be a big success.

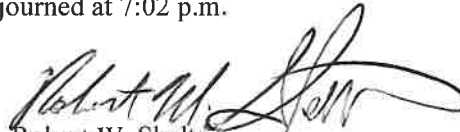
Josh Stevens, glad to hear Jonathan Mindham is going to run for Trustee in the next Election. Thanked Sergeant Biancalana, for all the hard work with the Police Department and keeping the community safe. Thanked Dan Nelson and all Public Works for always being out there and getting things done.

Jonathan Mindham, Excited to be a Trustee. Thanked Sergeant Biancalana, for all the hard work with the Police Department, keeping things running smoothly and keeping the community safe. He appreciated everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Adjournment.

Trustee Mindham made a Motion to Adjourn, and Trustee Stevens seconded the motion. Motion carried. After a roll call vote which all approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 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: 10/28/24