

VILLAGE OF HEBRON  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2021

President Shelton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Shepherd, Mogan, Drevalas, Stevens, Peterson, and Lange answered aye to roll call.

**Motion to Approve the Minutes of September 27, 2021, Village Board Meeting**

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2021, Village Board meeting. Trustee Mogan seconded the motion. Trustees Peterson, Mogan, Drevalas, Shepherd, Stevens, and Lange approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**Motion to Approve the September/October 2021 Accounts Payable**

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the September/October 2021 accounts payable as presented. He reported that there was \$19,569.30 due in accounts payable for General Fund and \$11,840.59 due in the Water/Sewer Fund accounts payable. The total due for accounts payable was \$30,588.89. Trustee Drevalas seconded the motion. Trustee Peterson asked if there were any add-ons and Trustee Shepherd stated that there were none. Trustee Shepherd, Drevalas, Stevens, Mogan, Lange, and Peterson approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried by all.

**President's Report**

President Shelton welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reported the local girl scout troop completed a Friend Bench at the Hebron Community Park and this project was a requirement to bridge the Girl Scout Juniors over to Cadettes. Next, he reported that the paving project on Route 47 was complete except for the striping. He added that Route 173 was slated to start paving portions and repatching sections of the road from Wilmot Road to Alden, Illinois in the Spring of 2022. He reported that the Trunk or Treat event on October 16 went well and the Haunted 5K Run was upcoming on Saturday, October 30 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at St. John's Church. He mentioned that Officer Bruce Biancalana is working on a Bully Awareness Training project for the sixth graders at the school with the assistance of Superintendent Tiffany Elswick. And lastly, he mentioned that there will be a time change on November 1<sup>st</sup> and asked all residents to not forget to set their clocks back one hour.

**Public Comments**

*Penny Smith, Alden Hebron School Board Member*, said that there will be a costume parade on Friday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m. beginning on St. Albans. She reported that there is information on the school website regarding the Facilities Planning Timeline and it is also posted on the front door of the Village Hall. She added that the school will be holding free COVID testing for the community every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and asked anyone interested to contact the school district office. She announced that the school needs substitute teachers and asked all that are interested to contact the school.

*Karen Lalor, 12718 O'Brien Road*, thanked Dan Nelson for taking care of brush pickup at the Hebron Library. She announced that there is still time to sign up for the Haunted Run/Walk, but T-shirts may

not be available. Raffle tickets are available for sale through Veteran's Day to benefit the local food pantry.

There were no other public comments.

**Motion to Approve Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association Invoice for Coverage in 2022**

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association invoice for coverage in 2022. Trustee Shepherd seconded the motion. Trustee Peterson, Shepherd, Lange, Stevens, Mogan, and Drevalas approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried by all.

**Motion to Approve a Resolution Providing for an Estimated Tax Levy for 2021**

Trustee Shepherd made a motion approve a resolution providing for an estimated Tax Levy for 2021. Trustee Drevalas seconded the motion. President Shelton gave a brief explanation of the tax levy stating that the Village should keep it under a 5 percent increase. Trustee Shepherd stated that it should not be a sizable increase as there are more homes to share the cost. Trustee Shepherd, Drevalas, Peterson, Lange, Mogan, and Stevens approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried by all.

**Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 3-2-7B, Number of Licenses Issued, of the Hebron Municipal Code**

Trustee Lange made a motion to approve the Ordinance amending Section 3-2-7B of the Hebron Municipal Code to decrease the number of Liquor Licenses by one. Trustee Mogan seconded the motion. President Shelton explained that because Beaner's closed and has left the Village, the Class A Liquor licenses should be reduced by one leaving a total of seven. He added that the Village should not hold open liquor licenses as this could result in a loss of control to the Village. Trustee Peterson said that if someone else takes over the building and wants a liquor license, the Board would then have to vote to approve an additional license. Trustees Lange, Mogan, Peterson, Stevens, Drevalas, and Shepherd approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried by all.

**Motion to Pursue a Golf Cart Ordinance**

Trustee Stevens made a motion to pursue a golf cart ordinance. Trustee Shepherd seconded the motion. President Shelton began by stating that there have been previous discussions regarding the use of golf carts in the Village. The Board members were all given a sample Village of Johnsburg ordinance pertaining to golf carts. He added that per a discussion with an IDOT State Highway Engineer there would not be support from IDOT to allow the use of golf carts on state highways, and they do not want to set a precedent. He stated that it could be possible to allow the use of golf carts within certain areas of the Village with crossing the state highways at certain limited intersections. The golf carts would have to be road worthy including headlights, taillights, brake lights, rear view mirror, etc. The golf cart would have to be licensed and inspected by the Village Police Department annually. Tickets would be given to those that did comply; this would include driving while intoxicated.

Trustee Stevens asked if the use of ATV's would also be allowed. Chief Donlea said only golf carts would be allowed with very rigid specifications. Trustee Mogan brought it to the Board's attention that it would be difficult for most to get to the gas station. Discussion ensued. A resident said that limiting golf carts to only the side streets would eliminate anyone living along Route 47 and 173. President Shelton confirmed this. Attorney Smoron added that there is a tendency for children to drive the golf carts and they must only be driven by adults. Discussion ensued regarding liabilities to allowing golf carts within the Village and the increased time needed by staff to enforce an ordinance involving them. Trustees Stevens, Shepherd, Peterson, Lange, and Drevalas voted against the motion by answering nay. Trustee Mogan voted in favor. Motion denied.

### **Discussion on Community Christmas Tree Placement and Decorations**

President Shelton said the usually a tree is put inside the gazebo at the Hebron Community Park and is decorated as well as the gazebo itself. This has been spearheaded by resident, Tammie Lillie and is funded by donations. It has been suggested that there should be a decorated tree more centrally located. President Shelton said that there is a nice tree in front of the high school with electricity available which the school district has approved the use of for this suggestion. He added that the Public Works may not be equipped to accomplish applying lights to such a large tree and they may not have enough lights available. Discussion ensued.

Trustee Lange felt that the Village should continue to decorate the park as it has become a tradition. Trustee Stevens asked if the Village could do both. He continued stating that Public Works helps Tammie Lillie with the park and the Public Works Department also decorates the downtown area. Trustee Drevalas was concerned with the cost of decorating an additional tree and thought the Board should investigate the possibility of planting a live tree for the future in the grass lot next to the Village Hall. Trustee Peterson added that she would like the Village to continue the Christmas Light Contest and to continue to decorate the park as usual. Trustee Shepherd thought that the local Boy Scout troop may be interested in helping with lighting a centrally located tree and he would also like to see the home decorating contest continue.

President Shelton announced that the Village Community Park will be decorated this year and the Board may investigate a new live tree for the future in the lot next to the Village Hall.

### **Department Head Reports**

*Superintendent Nelson* reported that Public Works has picked up brush and leaves in the Village and that the Department trucks are ready for winter. He questioned when Prairie Land Disposal was going to come through to pick up leaves as this service is in our contract. The Village Clerk said that she will contact Prairie Land. He also stated that they have been working on repairs to the south tower of the sewer treatment plant, they have serviced the leaf blower/sucker machine, and replaced the floor and the toilet in the woman's bathroom in the Village Hall.

*Chief Donlea* reported 185 calls for service in September including eighty-seven traffic stops and ninety-eight calls for service. He added that Officer Biancalana, with the help of the school staff, has been working to teach life skills to students in a program called "Too Good." The Village donated \$300

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for T-shirts given to the students upon completion of the program. Lastly, he reported that patrol grants regarding traffic safety have increased from \$8,000 to \$16,000.

There were no other reports.

**Attorney Report**

No report.

**Board Comments**

Trustee Lange said that he was not able to attend the recent Township meeting.

Trustee Peterson also said that she was not able to attend the recent School Board meeting.

Trustee Shepherd reported that he contacted Chalen from McHenry Council of Governments (MCCG) and gave her a wish list for the Village including flashing speed limit signs. He said that MCCG is willing to help with grant possibilities and they are a useful source of information for what is available. He added that Lauren Underwood's office is another good source.

Trustee Mogan said that he loves the decoration of the park gazebo each year and would be 100 percent in favor of another more visible tree in the future.

Trustee Drevalas said that she attended the School Board meeting in Trustee Peterson's absence and commented that they are very well-organized.


Trustee Stevens thanked Superintendent Nelson for picking up brush at the library. He said that the Trunk or Treat event was fantastic and that the Haunted Run/Walk was coming up soon.

President Shelton reported that the Village Board meeting on November 8 is canceled, and the next Village Board meeting will be on Monday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m. He reminded everyone that Trick-or-Treat was on Sunday, October 31 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. He said residents should leave the porch light on to signal that their house is participating.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Stevens made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Trustee Mogan seconded the motion. Motion carried by all.

  
Jean Attermeier,  
Village Clerk

  
Robert W. Shelton  
Village President