

VILLAGE OF HEBRON
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2022

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

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion to Approve the Minutes of January 24, 2022, Village Board Meeting

Trustee Drevalas made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022, Village Board meeting. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Trustee Drevalas expressed that she would like to address Penny Smith's previous request at an earlier Village Board meeting to add an additional public comment session to the agendas. President Shelton said that the Board approved and removed the second comment session previously and he felt that public comments should remain at the top of the agenda so that the public could express their concerns regarding an agenda item. He continued to state that he is in his office at the Village Hall almost daily and has an open-door policy to address questions and concerns from residents. Trustees Drevalas, Peterson, Lange, Shepherd, and Stevens approved the motion by answering aye. Trustee Mogan was absent. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve the January/February 2022 Accounts Payable

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the January/February 2022 accounts payable as presented with no add-ons. Trustee Stevens seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd reported that there was \$41,148.99 due in accounts payable for General Fund and \$135,589.83 due in the Water/Sewer Fund accounts payable. The total due for accounts payable was \$176,738.82. Trustee Shepherd stated that there was a loan payment of \$115,214.34 which is why the total is high this month. Trustee Peterson asked about a payment from motor fuel for \$10,000. Superintendent Nelson stated that it was for salt. She also questioned the roughly \$14,000 from the Police Department. Trustee Shepherd said he would check with the Treasurer and President Shelton mentioned that it could be for vehicle maintenance. Trustee Peterson asked how the business registration was going. Clerk Attermeier stated that they have received most, but there are about six more that have not submitted their information yet and she is following up with them. Trustee Shepherd, Stevens, Drevalas, Lange, and Peterson approved the motion by answering aye. Trustee Mogan was absent. Motion carried by all.

President's Report

President Shelton reported that it has been a quiet February. He stated that Public Works has done a fair amount of plowing. He also announced that the building that was Beaner's Restaurant has been sold and there will be a new business in town.

Public Comments

Penny Smith, 10113 Brigham Trail, reported that the School Board met on February 16 to give a facilities presentation after having gone through both schools with a fined toothed comb regarding issues. She stated that the findings can be found on the school's website. She thanked Trustee Drevalas for trying to bring back a second "public comment" section to the Village Board agenda as she would like to see this happen. She mentioned the School Board has two comment sessions. She also asked if

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the Village has a line item specific to the funds that K-9 Odin is bringing into the Village budget. Lieutenant Gohmann stated that where the funds are put depends on the circumstance of the call.

Karen Lalor, 12718 O'Brien, expressed that she felt the fee for a business license should be different depending on the size of the business. She asked where the money collected goes. She stated that there are residents wondering if the Village will be sending out a newsletter. She announced that there will be another Build-A-Bed event, but it will not be held in the Village this time. She said they will still be looking for volunteers, however. She also had questions regarding the \$100,000 cut from the Police Department budget. She asked if it will be moved to another area of the budget or completely taken out.

Gayle Mansfield, 12022 Mckinley, she stated that she meets with a group of seniors to socialize and they were wondering about the Police Department. She said that they are very thankful for what they do to keep the community safe and the help they give to the senior population. She gave examples of the services they provide for seniors. She stated that she has lived in Hebron for thirty years and the Police Department is worth every penny.

Matt Misied, 9708 Marci Lane, said he wanted to add to what Penny Smith stated earlier in that the decision the School Board comes to is a community decision. He also said that the Police Department has done wonders for the children offering school programs and drug prevention programs. He said the officers build connections with the public and he is concerned about the possibility of longer response times with less police coverage.

Motion to Approve George Roach & Associates, P.C. as the Auditor for the Fiscal Year Ending April 2022

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve George Roach & Associates, P.C. as the auditor for the fiscal year ending April 2022. Trustee Drevalas seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd, Drevalas, Stevens, Lange, and Peterson approved the motion by answering aye. Trustee Mogan was absent. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve Fulton Siren Maintenance Contract for 2022

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the Fulton Siren Maintenance Contract for 2022. Trustee Lange seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the cost last year compared to this new contract. Trustee Shepherd added that he felt it is worth every penny if it saves lives. Trustee Peterson, Lange, Stevens, Drevalas, and Shepherd approved the motion by answering aye. Trustee Mogan was absent. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve Charitable Raffle License to Benefit the McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation

Trustee Lange made a motion to approve the Charitable Raffle License to benefit the McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation. Trustee Stevens seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd asked that the fee be waived and all agreed. Trustee Peterson asked where the baskets to be raffled would be located. President Shelton stated he would find out and let the Board know. Trustee Lange, Stevens, Drevalas,

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Peterson, and Shepherd approved the motion by answering aye. Trustee Mogan was absent. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve July 4th Parade on Saturday, July 2, 2022, and to Continue Each Year Thereafter on the Saturday Closest to the Holiday

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve July 4th Parade on Saturday, July 2, 2022, and to continue each year thereafter on the Saturday closest to the holiday. Trustee Stevens seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd expressed that he feels the parade is a positive event for the community and that it received positive feedback from the community last year. Trustee Shepherd, Stevens, Drevalas, Peterson, and Lange approved the motion by answering aye. Trustee Mogan was absent. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve Hebron Fall Fest in September 2022

Trustee Stevens made a motion to approve the Hebron Fall Fest in September of 2022. Trustee Drevalas seconded the motion. President Shelton mentioned that the exact date has not been set and that he would like to try to stay clear of overlapping any dates that other community events are being held. He did mention that the owner of Hoops does not have any concern about running his event, Hoops Fest, on the same day as Hebron Fall Fest. The Board discussed possible dates and confirmed that the festival will be held on September 17, 2022. Discussion ensued regarding the format of the event and Trustee Drevalas stated that she would like to see more vendors. Trustee Stevens, Drevalas, Peterson, Lange, and Shepherd approved the motion by answering aye. Trustee Mogan was absent. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Superintendent Nelson reported that they worked on truck maintenance, squad car maintenance, shop maintenance, and snowplow maintenance. They also unloaded 170 tons of salt, snowplowed, salted the Village streets and cleaned the Village Hall.

Lieutenant Gohmann reported that February was somewhat of a light month with 144 calls, 46 traffic stops, and 98 calls for service. He added that K-9 Odin made a successful drug bust and February led to an increase of violent crimes in the Village and altercations with residents. He stated that there has been a huge spike in violent crimes. Officer Robert reported that the FOP met with the Village President and one trustee and he felt it was a good meeting with hopes that they can work something out.

President Shelton reported for *Frank Michalczyk* that the Trails of Hebron lift station is back in service using a trip wire to keep it running. He put figures in the upcoming budget for additional repairs to this lift station as the temperature thermal is not working. He also is trying to get the Scada completed for the wastewater treatment plant and the main lift station. In addition to water meter change outs, he continues his daily routines for the water and sewer service.

There were no other reports.

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Attorney Report

Attorney Smoron did not have a report other than that he has been working with the Clerk on a FOIA request.

Board Comments

Trustee Shepherd said that the Village COMED representative, Tom Tumminaro, reported that there may be grant opportunities for smaller communities.

Trustee Stevens thanked the people that came to the meeting in support of the Police Department. He wanted the officers to know that he has no issue with their performance, but it is a budget numbers issue.

Trustee Peterson read a statement regarding her concern for the current moral at the Village Hall. She feels that it is not a team effort lately and recommended holding two meetings in March with the first being one to discuss the budget.

Trustee Lange also read a statement regarding his concern for the police department. He gave an example of witnessing an ambulance call where the fire department responded followed by a squad car and the Chief of Police. He stated that it is always good to have extra hands in such situations. He added that with the current cuts in the police department things will not be the same.

Discussion ensued regarding the request for a second meeting in March or April to discuss the budget.

President Shelton reported that the Village Board meeting on March 14 is canceled, and the next Village Board meeting will be on Monday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Trustee Drevalas seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd, Drevalas, Stevens, Peterson, and Lange approved the motion by answering aye. Trustee Mogan was absent. Motion carried by all.



Jean Attermeier,
Village Clerk



Robert W. Shelton
Village President