VILLAGE OF HEBRON VILLAGE BOARD MEETING April 22, 2024

On the roll call at 6:02 p.m., Trustees Shepherd, Correll, Milarski, Knaack, Stevens, and Mogan were present as well as President Shelton and Attorney Smoron.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

There were none.

Motion to Approve Village Board minutes dated March 11, 2024

Trustee Knaak motion to approve the minutes of the March 11th, 2024, Village Board meeting. Trustee Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2024, Village Board meeting

Trustee Milarski motioned to approve the minutes of the March 5th, 2024, Village Board meeting. Trustee Correll seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the March/April 2024 accounts payable balance

Trustee Sheperd motioned to approve the accounts payable for March/April 2024 in the amount of \$42,496.57. Trustee Knaack seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President's report

President Shelton's report included an update on the Prairie Ave. project, Lead service line replacement. Water /Sewer billing software change over, Main St. parking signs and the fiscal year 2024/2025 Village budget.

Department head reports

Superintendent Nelson: Dan said that he has been working on landscaping, UV light replacement in the sewer plant and patching roads.

Chief Gumble: The Chief said that they received 224 calls and made 24 traffic stops last month. She explained to the board that she was moving forward on changing the cell carrier for the police department to AT&T (First Net). She asked that the Village move forward with the Night Out program. Building inspector: Dan Streit said he had issued one permit thus far for new construction. He is in the process of doing all permits electronically.

Treasurer: Katherine Andrus told the Board that they have moved to the next round for the police department vehicle grant.

Motion to approve 2024 lawn care maintenance agreement bid

This item was recessed to Monday April 29th, 2024, at 6pm.

Motion to approve changes to village personnel manual for hiring and promotions by the Village Board as well as compensation increases

Trustee Knaack made a motion to approve changes to the village personnel manual, that hiring, and promotions would be approved by the Village Board as well as compensation increases. Trustee Stevens seconded the motion. Trustee Milarski was not in favor of the change. She felt that the department heads

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should have the right to choose who they hire if they stay on budget. Trustee Mogan agreed with Trustee Milarski and felt the department heads should have the choice. President Shelton explained that in the past there has been an issue with the spending on salaries. He would like to keep it under control. Trustee Shepherd said that in the past the Board would decide on the hiring and the salaries, but it was changed under the last administration. Discussion ensued.

Trustee Knaack made a motion to amend her motion to approve changes to the village personnel manual for hiring and promotions by the Village Board as well as compensation increases. Trustee Stevens seconded the motion to amend. Trustees Shepherd, Correll, Stevens, Knaack and Mogan answered aye to amend. Trustee Milarski abstained. Motion carried.

Trustee Knaack motioned to approve the changes to the village personnel manual for hiring and promotions by the Village Board as well as compensation increases with exception to part time employees. Trustee Stevens seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Correll, Stevens and Knaack answered aye. Trustees Milarski and Mogan answered nay. Motion carried.

Motion to approve park rental on May 28 and May 29 and waiver of fees for the Alden-Hebron Middle School

Trustee Stevens made a motion to approve the park rental for Alden-Hebron Middle School on May 28th and 29th with a waiver of the fees. Trustee Correll seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve an ordinance amending chapter 6, off-street parking and loading, of title 5 zoning regulations (5a)

Trustee Knaack motioned to approve the ordinance amending chapter 6, off-street parking and loading, of title 5 zoning regulations (5a). Trustee Correll seconded the motion. The Village Building inspector explained that when the newly adopted village parking ordinance was passed, it was brought to the Village's attention the there was no driveway ordinance in place. He said that whatever was currently in place would be grandfathered in, but any new applications would fall under the new setbacks. If you wanted to change your existing driveway, it then would fall under the new setbacks. Trustee Shepherd thought that some yards were small and needed to use parts of their front or back yard. Trustee Stevens asked why the town should care and asked when the Village would deal with how the downtown looks. Trustees Shepherd, Correll, Milarski, Knaack and Mogan answered aye. Trustee Stevens answered nay. Motion carried.

Motion to go into closed session pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois open meetings act to discuss the compensation and performance of specific employees of the public body. department head reports

Canceled

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Motion to approve fy 2024-2025 village budget

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2024/2025 village budget. Trustee Mogan seconded the motion. President Shelton spoke and explained that he felt that they had come to a place where the budget was complete. Trustee Knaack asked about line 521 of the water fund and felt they needed to up the amount due to rising cost. It was agreed to raise the amount to \$5000. Trustees Shepherd agreed. Trustees Shepherd and Mogan amended their motion to: Approve the presented fiscal year 2024/2025 village budget with a change to line 521 of the water budget to read \$5000. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney's report

None

Board comments

Trustee Mogan stated he would like to see more effort on making the community look better and drawing in new businesses.

President Shelton said that there is an event coming up at the flower shop with vendors. He also told the Board that the May 13th, 2024, Village Board meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting would be May 20th, 2024.

Adjournment

Trustee Knaack made a motion to recess to April 29th, 2024, at pm. Trustee Milarski seconded the motion. Trustee Knaack, Stevens, Correll, Milarski, Mogan, and Shepherd approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried by all. Meeting recessed at 8:19pm.

Rose Miller,

Village Clerk Assistant

Robert W. Shelton, Village President