

VILLAGE OF HEBRON
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MAY 23, 2022

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 April 11, 2022, Special Village Board Meeting

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022, Special Village Board meeting. Trustee Stevens seconded the motion. Trustee Lange asked that the word 'sarcastically' be stricken from the Joann Lange's public comments from the meeting minutes. President Shelton approved. Trustee Peterson, Stevens, Shepherd, Drevalas, Mogan, and Lange approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of April 25, 2022, Village Board Meeting

Trustee Mogan made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022, Village Board meeting. Trustee Drevalas seconded the motion. Trustee Mogan, Drevalas, Peterson, Stevens, Shepherd, and Lange approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve the April/May 2022 Accounts Payable

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the April/May 2022 accounts payable as presented with no add-ons. Trustee Mogan seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd reported that there was \$19,345.26 due in accounts payable for General Fund and \$21,268.31 due in the Water/Sewer Fund accounts payable. The total due for accounts payable was \$40,613.57. Trustee Peterson questioned line item 351 in the General Fund under income wondering what it was. It was determined that it was for the Village cable franchise fees for E-vergent and Mediacom. She also asked what the \$30 was for in accounts payable (line item 360) and the Clerk responded that she believed that this was the business registration payment for the new business Sister Donuts. She asked why there was no income in Motor Fuel Tax and it was clarified that these payments do not come in monthly. She asked why the legal fees were high this month and Attorney Smoron stated that he thought that it was because of the union meetings and the added fees from his colleague who is handling FOP issues. He said he would check and report back. Trustee Shepherd, Mogan, Drevalas, Stevens, Peterson, and Lange approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried by all.

President's Report

President Shelton reported that Lakeshore Recycling Service/Prairieland Disposal performed their spring cleanup on May 10 collecting bulk items. He stated that Lennar and J&L have been and still are working out an agreement on the Trails of Hebron property. He wished everyone a good Memorial Day weekend.

Public Comments

Karen Lalor, 12718 O'Brien, read a statement from Kate Johnson and Laura Leedle, Vacation Bible School (VBS) coordinators, explaining the program and reported it will be held June 6-10 after a two year pause due to COVID. It is offered by St. John's Lutheran Church and hosted at Alden United Methodist, Hebron United Methodist, and St. John's Lutheran churches. Also

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reported in the statement was the proposed improvements to the Hebron Village Dungan Park giving easier park access to residents on the east side of the Village. They are working with Dan Nelson, Superintendent of Public Works, to accomplish this task. The old playground equipment from the Community Park will be installed in Dungan Park and VBS will raise funds to replace elements of the playground (the slide, ship's wheel, swings, hanging bars, etc.). They will hold a community "workday" on Tuesday, June 14 (Tuesday, June 28 will be the alternate day) to help finish installing and prepping the playset. Trustee Drevalas explained that many are working together to accomplish this. She stated that the labor cost is \$680 and they still need mulch and cement. Ms. Lalor also reported that there will be a Memorial Day program at the high school on May 30 at 9:00 a.m.

Penny Smith, and School Board Representative, and resident at 10113 Brigham Trail, mentioned that she would like to see every resident complete the school facility survey which is due tonight. She has a QR code available for anyone that wants to complete it and she also has paper copies available. She reported that the next school board meeting will be on June 1. She added that the facility survey results will be available June 15 and June 19 they will meet to discuss a possible referendum.

Ray Stalker, 11828 Prairie Avenue, expressed his concern with the Hebron Police Department depending more on the McHenry County Sheriff's Department for services when they are not on duty due to the recent staff cuts. He is concerned with the time it could take for McHenry to respond. He stated he does not want this for the Village of Hebron.

Motion to Ratify Approval of Park rental and Waiver of Fees for the Alden-Hebron Middle School

Trustee Peterson made a motion to ratify the approval of the park rental and waiver of fees for the Alden-Hebron Middle School. Trustee Lange seconded the motion. Trustee Peterson, Lange, Mogan, Drevalas, Stevens, and Shepherd approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve the Waiver of Park Rental Fees for CEF Summer 5-Day Club

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the waiver of park rental fees for the CEF Summer 5-Day Club. Trustee Drevalas seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd stated that he is happy to see the park being used. Trustee Shepherd, Drevalas, Peterson, Lange, Mogan, and Stevens approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Discussion and Potential Amendment to Working Police Budget for Union Consideration

President Shelton gave the floor to Attorney Smoron to explain. Attorney Smoron stated that an amendment was before the Board for consideration. He explained that this was a policy issue and the decision could be sent to the union if so moved. Trustee Lange stated that he felt the police department proposal is cut and dry showing the department would be able to man the Village in a more proper way. Trustee Peterson stated that she had a meeting with President Shelton and Chief Donlea. They talked about the numbers spelled out in the proposal and she stated that they were only \$7,000 short of the \$100,000 budget cut request, which she thought was amazing. She added that regarding the purchase of a new police vehicle, she would prefer

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adding back additional officers instead. She feels that there has been a compromise by the police department and would like to see an amendment to the proposal without a new vehicle and adding another police officer. She asked Chief Donlea if since the cuts to the department took place has there been times when the Village has been uncovered and relying on the sheriff's department. He stated that there has been some lack of coverage, but there was no need for sheriff's department to respond. He added that they are trying to minimize lack of coverage. She asked if her amended proposal would be a benefit to the police department and he responded, "absolutely."

Trustee Shepherd reported that they would have to bring back officers by seniority and that there will still be costs to the Village for maintenance of the existing police vehicles. Trustee Stevens asked which officer would be brought back first. Chief Donlea stated that Officer Biancalana would be the first to be asked back and Officer Budnik would be next. He mentioned that Officer Budnik went through training for the Village and did very well.

President Shelton stated that without the purchase of a new vehicle, he is concerned about maintenance costs for the current police vehicles. He added that recent maintenance to the vehicles was \$5,500 and cutting costs to maintenance would not be good as the need and cost for repairs happen quickly. He pointed out that there is a discrepancy between each budget proposal for line item 450, Health Insurance. He explained that without the purchase of a vehicle, but keeping Officer Budnik, the cost was \$13,000 and with the purchase of a vehicle and keeping Officer Budnik, the cost was \$12,000. He also felt that eliminating budgeting for a new vehicle would be a mistake. Chief Donlea agreed and stated that is why they have been looking into the possibility to lease a vehicle. He stated that he could get firm numbers if requested.

Trustee Peterson asked if there was cause for concern with the current police vehicles. President Shelton stated he would like to see the cars remain status quo and added that there should be funds set aside for upkeep and unknowns. Trustee Mogan expressed that he is not comfortable with the numbers provided. He said that there have been complaints from the police department regarding the cars and now they want to add two more officers that would be using the cars more often.

Trustee Drevalas stated that the residents want a full-time police department. She feels that the department has worked hard to bring a proposal to the table. She feels that a full-time police department would bring in more residents.

Trustee Shepherd stated that he would have liked to see a proposal sooner. He doesn't see an issue with the current police staff regarding coverage. Chief Donlea explained that officers cannot work every weekend and said that he would be happy to sit down with Board members to discuss how to cover the police department 24/7. He asked if the Board wanted to buy or lease a vehicle.

President Shelton suggested that a motion be made regarding the police department proposals although he feels that some of the numbers are inconsistent.

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Trustee Mogan mentioned that \$24,000 was originally proposed for line item 450, Health Insurance, under personnel expense. The police proposal dropped it to \$12,000. He stated there would be a \$8,000 difference if they had the same claims of as the previous year. He feels that insurance costs rarely go down and he asked how this can drop by a half. Trustee Peterson explained that her understanding of this decrease is that now there are only two officers taking the Village insurance. She asked if it would help the Board to have the Chief bring in solid numbers for obtaining a new vehicle. Chief Donlea stated that a new police vehicle would cost \$48,000 with it completely built out with the necessary equipment and could be paid off in up to 72 months. Trustee Lange asked what this would include. Bruce Biancalana said that it would come with a five-year extended warranty. Trustee Mogan stated that it is already in the budget to purchase a new police vehicle. Trustee Peterson brought the conversation back to personnel stating the question is whether to add additional officers to the staff. Discussion ensued. President Shelton clarified that there is only \$10,000 in the budget for a new police vehicle. Trustee Peterson asked the Board to consider additional personnel for the police department. President Shelton briefly went over a summary of the numbers on the two proposals from the police department. Chief Donlea stated that those numbers are based on salary with no overtime. Trustee Mogan asked how they would eliminate overtime. Chief Donlea stated they are suggesting the officers would forego overtime pay. Trustee Peterson asked how close they would be to the proposed \$100,000 to the police department and President Shelton responded that it would cost the Village \$43,000 to bring back the one officer and that was strictly wages. Trustee Lange added he felt this decision comes down to dollars and cents and he feels it is most important to ensure public safety, home values, and attracting new business. Trustee Peterson made a motion to bring back the senior most officer to the Village of Hebron Police Department budget. Trustee Drevalas seconded the motion. Trustee Peterson, Drevalas and Lange voted aye. Trustee Mogan, Shepherd, and Stevens voted nay. President Shelton voted nay. Motion was denied.

Discussion ensued regarding budget numbers and additional discussion regarded how the ARPA grant money was used. President Shelton stated that the full amount of the ARPA grant went to the Police Department and he said that this should not have happened as these funds could have been used in other departments as well. He said that the next ARPA grant is not guaranteed. Chief Donlea said this grant money must be used for specific reasons. President Shelton questioned why this grant was not appropriated to the month that it was received.

Department Head Reports

Chief Donlea reported that there were 80 police department calls total for the period of April 21, 2022, to May 18, 2022.

President Shelton reported for Frank Michalczyk that there was extensive maintenance to the main lift station as well as daily routine for water and sewer. He also reported that the hydrant flushing will take place May 23, 2022, to May 27, 2022.

President Shelton also reported for Superintendent Nelson as he was out on vacation. He said Public Works worked on unplugging and cleaning the lift station pumps, reading water meters, opening, and cleaning the park bathrooms including fixing a broken pipe and toilet, grass cutting,

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weed whacking, spraying weeds, road patching potholes, filling resident swimming pools, brush pickup and repairing the water shutoff cap.

There were no other reports.

Attorney Report

No report

Board Comments

Trustee Mogan asked if Trails of Hebron was the only place to fill the water trucks. President Shelton stated he will check with Superintendent Nelson upon his return and stressed that it was important to limit the use of the streets of Trails of Hebron. Trustee Peterson asked what the cost of a pool fill was. President Shelton responded that per Superintendent Nelson the cost is \$50. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of raising the fee and amending the ordinance.

Trustee Drevalas stated that the 16 sugar maple saplings that she has been growing for the Village survived the winter.

Trustee Peterson reported that the safety lights for the Village Hall have been purchased and will be installed soon. She also reported that the drop box outside the Village Hall is being repaired and painted. She requested that the bulk water ordinance be added to the next agenda.

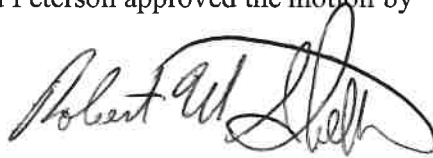
President Shelton reported that the Village Board meeting on June 13th is canceled, and the next Village Board meeting will be on Monday, June 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Trustee Stevens seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd, Stevens, Drevalas, Lange, Mogan, and Peterson approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried by all.



Jean Attermeier,
Village Clerk



Robert W. Shelton
Village President

