

VILLAGE OF HEBRON
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JUNE 28, 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, Peterson, and Lange answered aye to roll call.

Discussion and Vote to Approve minutes of May 23, 2021, Village Board Meeting

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021, Village Board meeting. Trustee Mogan seconded the motion. Trustees Peterson, Mogan, Drevalas, Lange and Shepherd approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Discussion and Vote to Approve May/June 2021 Accounts Payable

Trustee Shepherd reported that there was \$35,851.38 due in accounts payable for General Fund and \$14,054.30 due in the Water/Sewer Fund accounts payable. The total due for accounts payable was \$49,905.68. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the May/June 2021 accounts payable as presented. Trustee Drevalas seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd stated that, per the Treasurer, there were no add-ons to accounts payable. Trustee Peterson questioned the \$11,000 payment to the McHenry County Sheriff. Trustee Shepherd stated that this is a payment for dispatch services from the McHenry County Sheriff's department and this is one of two payments per year. Trustee Shepherd, Drevalas, Mogan, Lange, and Peterson approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried by all.

President's Report

President Shelton welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported that the Village trustees have taken on certain responsibilities and are as follows:

- Trustee Peterson – will be the Village liaison with School District 19, will attend their Board meetings, and report back to the Village Board.
- Trustee Lange – will be the Village liaison with the Hebron Township Board and the local business association. He will also attend their meetings and report back to the Board.
- Trustee Mogan – has taken on the Village Facebook page and will update information when necessary.
- Trustee Shepherd – will be working closely with the Village Treasurer on securing grants.
- Trustee Drevalas – will be working on organizing various Village Events.

President Shelton reported that the event held by Hart's back on June 5th was a success with a good turnout and no issues or incidents. He stated that a notice requesting bids was put out for the road work to be done on Hebron Road. This work will improve Hebron Road from the 4-way stop at Industrial Drive for 900 feet to the edge of the municipality. He has been working with the police department to address resident concerns such as speeding, unwanted visitors late at night, a need for more presence on Route 173, and removing razor wire from a residence. In addition, he met with Senator Underwood and her staff recently and discussed additional grant possibilities. He reported that the sidewalk repairs are on-going and the latest section to be repaired being on Illinois and Harrison. Lastly, he stated that,

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depending on a vote tonight, there may be a July 4th parade to be held on July 3rd and a carnival in August.

Public Comment

Karen Lalor, 12718 O'Brien Road, wished to thank the Board for their support of the Sleep in Heavenly Peace event. She wanted to know if the Village bathrooms would be available. President Shelton stated that the building would be open for bathroom use during the event. She asked that people wanting to volunteer during the event should contact her. She also expressed concern over holding a Village carnival on the same weekend as the McHenry County Fair.

Joann Lange, 10209 Sharon Lane, thanked the Village Board for all that they do for the Village. She also thanked the Girl Scouts for constructing a Pet Stand at the Village Hall.

Laura Leedle, W2802 State Line Road, Lake Geneva, WI, is involved with St. John's Church and the 4-H Club. She stated that she was happy to see a carnival come to town; but thinks it should not be held the same weekend as the McHenry County Fair. She asked the Board to consider this as they vote on the proposal.

Motion to Approve the Appointment of One Open Trustee Position and, if Approved Swearing in of New Trustee

President Shelton introduced Veronica Signorelli for appointment and approval to fill the open trustee position. He explained that Ms. Signorelli has lived in the Village for 18 years. She wants to help improve the Village. Her interests are community health care, establishing more trust between the Village residents and the local law enforcement, and she wants to control property values. She is a stay-at-home Mom who would like to see improved infrastructure and downtown area improvements in the Village. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the appointment of Veronica Signorelli to the open trustee position on the Village Board. Trustee Mogan seconded the motion.

Trustee Peterson was concerned that Ms. Signorelli is listening only to social media regarding the Village and, in addition, has no previous community involvement. She also felt that Ms. Signorelli's suggestion, in her application, to post employee photos on the Village website presented a privacy issue.

Ms. Signorelli explained that now that her son is older, she has more time to dedicate to the community. She stated that she belongs to a Village online chat group that has a significant number of resident members, and they are stating that they are not being heard by the Village administration. She wants to help with this.

Trustee Peterson stated that Trustees Lange, Drevalas, and herself called Ms. Signorelli and asked for a call back and never received a return call.

Trustee Mogan stated that he had never met Ms. Signorelli prior to this meeting. He added that people get involved in different ways and he likes that she wants to become involved. Trustee Shepherd stated

that social media can be good and bad, but it is a place for people to be heard.

Trustee Shepherd and Mogan voted to appoint Ms. Signorelli to the open trustee position. Trustees Drevalas, Lange and Peterson voted against the appointment of Ms. Signorelli to the open trustee position. The motion was denied.

Motion to Approve FY2021-2022 Appropriation Ordinance

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the FY2021-2022 Appropriation Ordinance. Trustee Drevalas seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd stated that the rise in gas prices needed to be adjusted and that, when approved, the Ordinance needs to be filed with the County. He stated that the Village must adhere to this Ordinance. President Shelton reported that fuel was around \$2.00 per gallon and now is up to \$3.00 per gallon; adjustments were made on the Police Department side as well as the Public Works side regarding the increase in gas prices. He added that just because we have funds in the budget it does not mean departments need to spend it all. Trustee Shepherd stated that Treasurer Fotland was helpful in the process of putting this Ordinance together.

Trustees Shepherd, Drevalas Peterson, and Lange approved the motion by answering aye. Trustee Mogan voted against. Motion carried.

Motion to Ratify Approval of a Consensus Vote to Approve Sleep in Heavenly Peace Event

Trustee Mogan made a motion to ratify approval of a consensus vote to approve the Sleep in Heavenly Peace event. Trustees Mogan, Lange, Shepherd, Drevalas, and Peterson approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve a Village July 4th Parade on July 3rd

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve a Village July 4th Parade to be held on Saturday, July 3rd. Trustee Mogan seconded the motion.

Trustee Peterson asked who will be in the parade and asked to hear additional details. President Shelton explained that he had residents ask if there could be a July 4th parade this year. He expressed that he had discussed this with Trustee Drevalas, and she did not want to take this on herself. He mentioned that the Fire Department will supply a fire truck or two, resident Ken Wappler stated that he could supply tractors, and the Police Department will have a couple of squad cars available. President Shelton reported the route the parade would follow. Trustee Peterson asked if he had contacted the Girl Scouts or thought about resident children decorating their bikes to join the parade. President Shelton explained that parade will be small and simple this year due to the lack of time to pull it together. He added that they can expand on it next year.

Trustee Peterson expressed concern regarding short notice and recommended the possibility of waiting until next year. President Shelton stated that people have been couped up in their homes for the past year and are in need a fun event. He asked for a show of hands from the audience asking who is in favor of having a parade, whatever the size. Most of the audience raised their hands in support.

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Trustee Shepherd stated that other groups can still be asked to take part in the parade. He feels that this is something positive for the community. Trustee Mogan agreed with Trustee Shepherd and felt that there was no harm in having a small parade. Discussion ensued regarding alternate dates to hold this event in the future when July 4th does not fall on a weekend. President Shelton suggested that it could be always held on a Saturday so not to interfere with July 4th.

Trustees Shepherd, Mogan, Drevalas Peterson, and Lange approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve A&A Attractions, Inc. Carnival August 4 through August 8, 2021

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve A&A Attraction, Inc. to hold a carnival in town from August 4th through August 8th, 2021. Trustee Mogan seconded the motion.

Trustee Drevalas expressed her concern that the carnival dates would interfere with the McHenry County Fair. She asked if there was a cost to the Village. President Shelton confirmed that A&A Attractions will set the whole thing up at no cost to the Village with 200-amp service, bathrooms, and one dumpster. In addition, they will give back to the Village 20 percent of their profit from the rides. President Shelton stated that Tom Linneman, Chief of the Hebron, Alden, Greenwood Fire Protection District, will need to inspect the complete set up for safety. He added that not everyone attends the McHenry County Fair; this will bring some entertainment to the Village.

Trustee Peterson reported that the Village of Hebron has been involved in the McHenry County Fair for a long time and the Village has a large 4-H following as this is a farming community. She added that these families will have to make a choice between the two events. Trustee Lange stated that Tom Linneman would not be able to inspect the set up as he will be at the McHenry County Fair. Trustee Drevalas expressed concern that holding this event at the same time as the County Fair would not be showing good will toward McHenry County. Trustee Shepherd stated that he does not see a problem with it. He feels that it gives the Village residents something fun to do as well as bringing in business to the Village. Trustee Mogan stated that there are residents that are not part of 4-H, and they should not miss out on something fun to do in their own Village. Trustee Lange expressed concern that most people will choose the McHenry County Fair. Trustee Mogan responded that if they do not attend the Carnival there is no harm done and at least the Village tried.

Trustees Shepherd and Mogan approved the motion by answering aye. Trustee Lange, Drevalas, and Peterson voted against. Motion denied.

Motion to Approve Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Traffic Code, of Title 9, Traffic Regulations of the Village of Hebron Municipal Code

Trustee Lange made a motion to approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Traffic Code, of Title 9, Traffic Regulations of the Village of Hebron Municipal Code. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Attorney Smoron explained that the Village will benefit from adopting the Vehicle Code in its entirety, mainly for petty offenses (non-jailable offenses) because (1) the rules of civil procedure will apply,

including a lower burden of proof, and (2) the Village will have a right to appeal decisions of the trial court. Notably, there is no reduction in fines/revenue from this change. He added that this gives the Village flexibility.

Trustee Lange, Peterson, Mogan, Drevalas, and Shepherd approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried by all.

Motion to Approve Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 of Title, Business Regulations, of the Hebron Municipal Code to Address Mobile Food Truck Vendors

Trustee Mogan made a motion to approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 of Title, Business Regulations, of the Hebron Municipal Code to Address Mobile Food Truck Vendors. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Attorney Smoron explained that Dick Ackerman, Village Building Inspector, saw a need for putting this ordinance in place. He added that some Villages ordinances are stricter, and some do not have such an ordinance in place. No one ordinance captures all foreseeable issues and ordinances can be revised in the future.

President Shelton reported that there has been interest by a business to bring a food truck to the Village that would operate in the parking lot of the old Subway. Trustee Mogan asked if this would apply to ice cream trucks and Attorney Smoron stated that it would not. Trustee Lange pointed out that there has been an ice cream truck in the Village recently and he feels that the Village should investigate regulating these trucks. Trustee Shepherd expressed that he sees a food truck as a positive thing for the Village, especially since the Village lost the Subway.

Trustee Mogan, Peterson, Lange, Drevalas, and Shepherd approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried by all.

Discussion Regarding Fencing/Barricade on 10101 Main Street

President Shelton stated that this portion of the meeting was for discussion only. Building Inspector, Dick Ackerman, stated that he needed Board input and guidance regarding a fence/barricade that was installed at the property commonly known as 10101 Main Street. He mentioned that currently the fire lane is being blocked as a 20-foot clearance is needed and the property line is closer than that. He said fire trucks need to be able to access properties. He also mentioned that a Village of Hebron main sewer line runs through this property. He added that a fence permit for the property was applied for two years ago and has since expired. Dick Ackerman has sent a certified letter to the current owner three times and each time it has been returned as not accepted. President Shelton stated that they must comply with fire code.

John Vole, brother of Steve Vole of 10101 Main Street, stated that the current barricade was made easy to remove and this is for safety reasons. President Shelton reiterated that, if there was a fire incident, there needs to be a 20-foot access available. Discussion ensued regarding the back of the property where there is a concrete slab used for a loading dock. President Shelton said the fence/barricade only needs to be moved 5 feet. Dick Ackerman added that a barricade is a temporary fence and needs a

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permit. He asked the Board if they are ok with how the fence/barricade is currently. Trustee Peterson stated that she was ok with it, but there must be a 20-foot access.

Attorney Smoron asked about the easement that runs through the property. Dick Ackerman said that is a prescriptive easement and was not recorded. He added that he asked Mr. Vole to reapply for a fence permit and he has not yet done so.

President Shelton stated that having the fire department move the temporary fencing to access properties would not be acceptable. He asked the Board if they wanted to table this issue. Trustee Peterson stated ideally, she would like to see decent fencing used instead of logs but mentioned that she was most concerned about postponing a decision on this issue regarding fire safety. Attorney Smoron stated that Dick Ackerman was looking for direction from the Board on enforcing the ordinance. Discussion ended.

Department Head Reports

Dan Nelson, Public Works Superintendent reported that they are still working on repairing sidewalks and they completed putting the volleyball court at the park back together.

Officer Biacalana reported that the Police Department handled 300 calls since the last Village Board meeting. He gave examples of some of those calls.

Frank Michalczyk, Sewer Operator, reported that President Shelton also received his monthly report. He reported that all was good in his department.

There were no other reports.

Attorney Report

There was no report.

Board Comments

Trustee Shepherd reported that he has noticed that people are parking over the sidewalks and, also, trees as well as bushes are growing over the sidewalks. He would like to make people aware of these issues.

Trustee Mogan asked Trustee Peterson to send him the information for the upcoming Tractor Trek Event.

Trustee Drevalas asked the public for their ideas for future events.

Trustee Peterson reported that she attended the School District 19 School Board meeting in June and reported that the Superintendent Ehlenburg is retiring on July 1 and Tiffany Elswick will replace her. She also reported that they have hired a new elementary principal. In addition, she announced that for the fourth year in a row Alden Hebron High School was nominated in the top 30 percent of the nation's best high schools which makes them nationally ranked.

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Trustee Lange attended the most recent township meeting. He reported that they have appointed Sammi Mayerck as a new trustee. He also reported that the Township will be having the contractor repave Hebron, Johnson, and Nichols roads as they were not happy with the initial paving by the company.

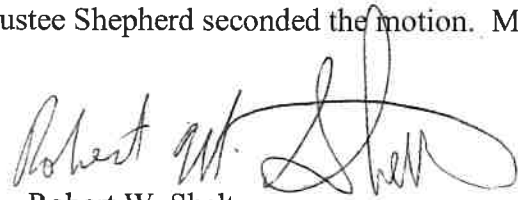
President Shelton reported that the Village Board meeting on July 12th will be cancelled, and the next Village Board meeting will be on Monday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Trustee Mogan made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Trustee Shepherd seconded the motion. Motion carried by all.



Jean Attermeier,
Village Clerk



Robert W. Shelton
Village President

