

VILLAGE OF HEBRON
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JULY 20, 2020

President Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Shepherd, Drevalas, Ritzert, Wagner, Lange, and Peterson, answered aye to roll call.

Discussion and Vote to Approve minutes of June 15, 2020 Village Board Meeting

Trustee Lange made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 Village Board meeting. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Trustees Lange, Peterson, Ritzert, Shepherd, Drevalas, and Wagner approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Discussion and Vote to Approve June/July 2020 Accounts Payable

Trustee Shepherd reported that there was an add-on of \$80 bringing the total due in accounts payable for the General Fund to \$13,799.25 and \$14,582.35 due in the Water/Sewer Fund accounts payable. The total due for accounts payable was \$28,461.60. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the June/July accounts payable as presented. Trustee Lange seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd, Lange, Drevalas, Ritzert, Wagner, and Peterson approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried by all.

Discussion ensued regarding trucks going through town. Trustee Peterson had a question about permitting and directed her question to the police department. She asked if trucks that were coming from Wisconsin needed two permits, one from each state. Trustee Wagner stated that they must have a permit from both states and that they must abide by their route. Sergeant Gohmann agreed and added that if they deviate from their route it violates the permit. He continued to say that truck drivers can renew a permit online. Trustee Peterson asked if the trucks must be taken to the closest scale or use the Village portable scale. Sergeant Gohmann explained that they can use the portable scale, but not all trucks can be weighed by the Hebron scale. President Martinez stated that they must use the most direct route to get to the scale and can use township roads to do so. Resident Janet Ratajczak mentioned that the weight limit on one of the Hebron signs needs to be updated. She will send an email regarding this to President Martinez. She also stated that she was concerned about the water mains on Prairie Avenue being damaged by trucks.

President's Report

President Martinez explained that she was elected to office in April of 2017. One week prior to her being sworn in the IEPA contacted her through the Village Clerk requesting a meeting. Trustee Shepherd and President Martinez made a day trip to Springfield for this meeting. Illinois State representative Pamela Althoff, George Roach, the Village auditor, and IEPA representatives were all present at the meeting. The meeting was regarding the \$4.7 million-dollar loan for the new water and sewer plant. The IEPA was calling on the Village loan in full. Senator Althoff went to bat for the Village asking for a partial loan forgiveness. IEPA stated that this would probably not be possible as the money came from EPA, but they would research it.

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the infrastructure under these roads is paid for solely by the residents of the Village of Hebron. She continued by reporting that the last infrastructure repair under a Village state route cost the Village \$33,909. This infrastructure fails from wear and tear resulting in damage caused by overweight vehicles. When a manhole cover sinks, it must be raised at a cost of \$3,000 each. Sinking manholes can cause significant damage to vehicles. She closed by stating the infrastructure maintenance is a heavy cost to the Village and she welcomes sharing these costs with residents outside of the Village of Hebron.

Lastly, President Martinez gave an update on the proposed parking lot on Maple Avenue and Illinois Street. She stated that they are waiting for final numbers, but it appears that the Village may have to put this out for bid. She is hoping to have something ready by the August Village Board Meeting.

Public Comment

Zeke Nichols, Township Highway Commissioner, stated that on July 9, 2020 the Village of Hebron Police Department escorted a 100,000-pound truck to the scales using township roads. He said that he contacted the Illinois State Police and they stated that they were aware of this problem in Hebron. He questioned why the Village of Hebron police officers are disregarding the township road weight limits. He would like to see open communication with the township and the Village of Hebron.

President Martinez stated that law enforcement can use these roads to take trucks to the scales as they must take the most direct route. She stated that she did discuss this with McHenry County Sheriff Prim's office. She also stated that individuals must never interfere with law enforcement when they have someone pulled over. She said that they should call the Chief of Police with a complaint instead.

Janet Ratajczak, 9936 Main Street, stated that food service establishments must provide for parking and she questioned where Hart's Saloon's new proposal will offer parking. She is concerned about the additional noise and proposed that they do a rooftop addition instead of putting it right next to her property. She added that they could then use the proposed site for additional parking. She directed the Board to look at her list of nine questions regarding this property. She stated that these types of structures have special requirements for providing power to them. She feels that it will be too close to other residents and that she is losing tenants over this issue. She asked the Board to consider not approving the addition to Hart's Saloon.

Greg Giles, 6709 Giant Oaks Road, began by verbally attacking a resident and he was asked to address the Board. He declined.

Cory Kelly, Hart's Saloon Project Builder, stated that the structure would have walls, plus a partial roof that would keep the noise in. He added that parking would be only seasonal and that there would not be any wires on the ground.

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Trustee Ritzert stated that she felt these containers would be more attractive than what is there currently. She was concerned about parking until she became aware that Hart's had purchased the lot across the street for parking. Trustee Drevalas expressed concern over this proposal, she would like to see both businesses in question work together to come up with a plan that works for both and she would like to hold off on this issue. President Martinez stated that the Village cannot get involved in civil matters. Discussion ensued as to some of the issues involved between the owner of Hart's Saloon and Prairie Avenue Antiques.

Trustee Wagner would like to see the businesses work together and he stated he was in favor of the proposal. Trustee Peterson stated that she would like to see something new in the Village and she was also in favor. President Martinez added that the Village liquor license goes with the business when in different locations. Resident, Janet Ratajczak, questioned this stating that Harts has two different addresses and the state requires two different licenses in this instance. Brad Stewart confirmed that the state requires this, but the Village does not have to adhere to this.

Trustee Lange asked where they would get power from and Mr. Kelly confirmed that the power source would be from the existing garage using low voltage lighting. He added that the proposal would include a gate, which would be locked after hours. In addition, the construction would be fire safe as it is steel which, in turn, creates a barrier to aide in controlling patrons. The second tier will help with noise and half capacity requirements. Trustee Lange asked about the color scheme and Mr. Kelly stated that they purchase only the newer containers and use the colors available. They would be happy to paint them, however. Trustee Lange stated that he would be opposed to the use of multiple colors. Mr. Kelly responded to several questions from the Board stating that there will not be any windows other than at the opening, they may use a shade above for additional noise control, and they may use portable heaters during the fall months. President Martinez felt that there needs to be a time limit regarding entertainment, and she stated this will be addressed at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve Hart's Saloon expansion proposal, specifically to allow the use of shipping containers as building material, and with the conditions that: (1) colors must match the existing business; and (2) sound requirements to meet existing and future noise performance standards. Trustee Drevalas seconded the motion. Trustee Peterson, Drevalas, Lange, Wagner, Shepherd and Ritzert approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Discussion and Vote to Approve an Accessory Building to 10112 Church Street

President Martinez reported that the Village ordinance only allows for one accessory building per parcel. The zoning in the case before the Board is both R-4 and I-2. Dick Ackerman explained that there are five lots total and it is an odd property that has been this way for 100 years. The house is in the I-1 zoning, the garage is in R-4 zoning. The owner, Kurt Simoncic, stated that he is requesting to add 1000 feet on to the existing home and increase the size of the existing garage to have a place to store his antique tractors. He plans to make it pleasing to the eye and has conferred with Master Gardeners of McHenry County for assistance in the use native

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