

VILLAGE OF HEBRON  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

President Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Discussion and Vote to Approve minutes of August 19, 2019 Village Board Meeting**

Trustee Lange made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019 Village Board meeting with a few changes regarding chickens. Trustee Ritzert seconded the motion. Trustees Lange, Ritzert, and Shepherd approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve August/September 2019 Accounts Payable**

Trustee Shepherd reported that there was \$13,339.06 in the General Fund and \$11,774.23 in the Water/Sewer Fund for a total of \$25,113.29. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve August/September accounts payable as presented. Trustee Lange seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd, Lange, Ritzert and President Martinez approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**President's Report**

President Martinez reminded residents that the Village Public Works Department, as a courtesy, will pick up brush after a bad storm, however, if you cut down your own trees or shrubs, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to dispose of them.

At this time, she thanked Tammy Lillie for organizing and promoting the "Hebron's Biggest Loser Program." There are 81 participants and excellent community support from the local businesses.

She reminded residents that during the public comment portions of the agenda, the public should refrain from interacting during someone's time to speak. Each speaker is required to provide their name, address, and phone number to the Village Clerk prior to providing their comments. Per ordinance you have one opportunity during either the first or second session and up to three minutes to address the Board. When all comments for the sessions are completed, concerns will be addressed with no interruption, speaking over, or other action.

**Public Comment 1**

There were no comments.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve a 50/50 Raffle and Basket Raffle for a Fundraiser by St. John's Church for the Building of a Multi-purpose Shed**

President Martinez stated that St. John's Church is asking the Village to approve a 50/50 Raffle and a Basket Raffle for a fundraiser with proceeds to be used for building a new

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storage building on the church property at 9810/9812 St. Alban's Street. The fundraiser will be held at Crandall's Restaurant on September 23rd from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Trustee Lange made a motion to approve and waive fees for a 50/50 Raffle and a Basket Raffle for a fundraiser hosted by St. John's Church. Trustee Ritzert seconded the motion. Trustee Ritzert, Shepherd, and Lange approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve a Hebron Haunted 5K Fun Run/Walk for a Community Wide Event on October 27th Benefiting the Community Vacation Bible School for St. John's Church**

President Martinez stated that this is the same event that was held last year. She asked if they would need blockades and police presence and Laura Leedle responded that they would. President Martinez asked the Clerk to put information regarding this on the Village website. Laura stated that she would send some revisions to the flyer. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the request as presented by St. John's Church. Trustee Ritzert seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd, Ritzert, and Lange approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Tentative Vote to Approve a Letter Giving Permission for Property Owner of 9802 St. Alban to use Village Easement for Ingress and Egress**

President Martinez stated that this is a discussion and tentative vote to approve a letter giving permission for property owners of 9802 St. Alban to use a Village easement for ingress and egress to the property. She explained that this easement will become a public street in the near future, as the subdivision known as Woodland Meadows has been reactivated via purchase by KLM Builders. Attorney Smoron recommended sending a letter expiring in one year giving permission to use the easement and hold the Village harmless for property damage or accidents. President Martinez suggested asking that the Village be listed as additionally insured. Attorney Smoron will draft a letter. President Martinez stated that no vote was needed and there were no objections from the Board.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 6A-2-2 and Section 6A-3-3 of the Hebron Municipal Code**

President Martinez stated that the next item is a discussion and vote to approve an ordinance amending Section 6A-2-2 and Section 6A-3-3 of the Hebron municipal code. This code, as mandated previously by the IEPA, called for 5 percent yearly increases through the year 2020. This will be the final increase. Earlier this calendar year, our former Treasurer, Pat Syens and President Martinez presented a five-year plan to the IEPA, which did not include any more increases past the 2020 calendar year.

Additionally, the monthly water rates, sewer rates, and debt service charges have been clarified. President Martinez stated that annual was changed to monthly in the ordinance and it clarified high water usages with that list updated.

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Trustee Lange made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. Trustee Shepherd seconded the motion. Trustee Lange, Shepherd, Ritzert, and President Martinez approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion of Regulations Regarding Marijuana**

President Martinez stated that the next agenda item would be a discussion regarding the legalization of Marijuana, which becomes effective in the State of Illinois as of January 1, 2020. She continued stating that as a non-home rule community, the Village can add a tax of up to 1 percent on the sale of substance within the community. The Village also has an opportunity to restrict zoning locations for the sale as well and to allow or disallow growing/farming of Marijuana. She said that tonight this is up for discussion only and a formal Ordinance will be presented for a vote at the November meeting.

President Martinez added that other surrounding communities that are home rule can charge a higher tax rate. The Village as a non-home rule community can only charge 1 percent and this could be an income opportunity for the Village as buyers may take advantage of a lower tax rate on their purchases and buy in Hebron. She added that this revenue can be used to offset the sewer loan payment as well as using these funds to improve the much-needed water mains throughout the Village. She said that the Village can control where the dispensaries can be located. She felt that dispensaries should not be in the downtown area.

Attorney Smoron stated that this could regulated the same as liquor licenses, with the ability to limit the amount of Marijuana dispensaries and the location of them. In addition, the ordinance can regulate the public use of it. Attorney Smoron stated he will put together an ordinance reflecting the position of the Board. President Martinez urged Board members to recommend dispensaries be located only in industrial zoning and consumers use of Marijuana only in private homes and dispensaries.

Trustee Ritzert was concerned about the use of Marijuana in dispensaries and then people driving afterward. Planning and Zoning member, Joann Lange questioned whether dispensaries would be allowed in industrial zoning. Attorney Smoron stated that they would need a conditional use permit and would have to come before Planning and Zoning in a public hearing. He cautioned that once conditional use is established, it becomes close to a permitted use. He recommended an overlay district; retain industrial zoning with conditional use controlled by an overlay district. He also recommended to start small and be very specific. He said changes can be made in the future in a text amendment. Discussion ensued over what restrictions can be placed to regulate amounts of THC.

President Martinez asked the Board members to email the Clerk with their questions or concerns and blind copy the Board for discussion.

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**Department Head Reports**

President Martinez stated that there will be a meeting tomorrow regarding possible grant funds from CDBG.

Dan Nelson reported that there a lot of brush to be picked up throughout the Village and that, because of this, they are a little behind.

**Public Comments 2**

*Ray Stalker, 11828 Prairie Avenue*, stated that he believes that allowing cannabis is a moral issue. He thinks Illinois is making a mistake legalizing it. He asked the Village not to do it. He stated that long time use can cause psychosis and he encouraged the Board to become informed.

There were no further comments.

**Attorney Report**

None

**Board Comments**

Trustee Shepherd reported that Hebron may have County Board representation with the addition of Tracie Von Bergen.

Trustee Ritzert asked who would be going to the grant commission this Friday at 1:30 p.m. regarding the senior bus grant submittal. Treasurer Fotland stated that she would be there to represent the Village.

President Martinez stated that the next Village Board meeting on October 7th will be cancelled, leaving the next Board meeting on Monday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Trustee Lange seconded the motion. Motion carried by all voting aye.

Jean Attermeier,  
Village Clerk

Kimmy Martinez,  
Village President