

VILLAGE OF HEBRON
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
APRIL 15, 2019

President Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Santoro, Wagner, and Lange answered aye to roll call. Trustee Peterson was absent.

Discussion and Vote to Approve minutes of March 18, 2019 Village Board Meeting

Trustee Lange made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019 Village Board meeting. Trustee Santoro seconded the motion. Trustees Lange, Santoro, Wagner, Shepherd, and Ritzert approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Discussion and Vote to Approve March/April 2019 Accounts Payable

Trustee Shepherd reported that the General Fund total was \$13,380.04. The Water/Sewer Fund was \$11,035.61, which gives a combined total of \$24,415.65. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve March/April accounts payable as presented. Trustee Ritzert seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd, Ritzert, Santoro, Lange, and Wagner, approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

President's Report

President Martinez began by once again acknowledging Larry Smith, our McHenry County Board Representative for District 6. Larry contacted Village Public Works Superintendent, Dan Nelson, and shared a grant opportunity provided to the County by the State of Illinois. After conversations with Larry and Dennis Sandquist, Director of Planning and Development for McHenry County, they were in contact with Dick Ackerman regarding our anticipated grant receipt. The final approval meeting is later this week and we should soon be seeing 12007 Maple Avenue demolished and grass planted as provided by the grant. Many thanks to Larry Smith and assistance from Dennis Sandquist for their service to Hebron and its residents; their service is commendable and greatly appreciated.

Public Comment 1

John Vole of 10006 Main Street reported they are in the process of repairing the parking lot on the property commonly known as 10101 Main Street and they put up a temporary fence as required by law. Prior to this, they came to the Village for a permit and paid \$90 for it. He feels that since the permit was denied, they were treated unfairly. In addition, he went to the County several times to find out where the easements were on the property and they could not find any. Dick stated that they can't seem to find any easements and he added that they do not need a temporary fence for what they are doing.

There were no other comments at this time.

Discussion and Vote to Approve Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Fences, Addressing Restrictions on Temporary Fences and Penalty for Violations of Same

President Martinez gave an overview of the ordinance. She mentioned that the State needs to be contacted prior to putting up anything in the State of Illinois right of way. She also stated that the Trustees, Chief Donlea and herself have received numerous complaints about the temporary fencing which has gone up in the coveted downtown business district.

Trustee Ritzert asked what they are doing on the property commonly known as 10101 Main Street. President Martinez stated that they are fixing pot holes with gravel. She mentioned that the owner of the property is Frank Richmond. A permit for a fence cannot be given to a non-owner of a property. There is a contract to purchase the property, but the seller is still the owner at this time. Trustee Shepherd stated that the Village does not have anything regarding temporary fences at this time, so the approval of the ordinance would put something in place.

Trustee Lange made a motion to approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Fences, addressing restrictions on temporary fences and penalty for violations of the same. Trustee Santoro seconded the motion. Trustee Lange, Santoro, Shepherd, Ritzert, and Wagner, approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Discussion of Ordinance No. 2017-18-932 Amending Section 6A-4-6, Liability for Payment of the Hebron Municipal Code

President Martinez stated that Trustee Peterson brought a suggestion to her to make changes in this ordinance to make the owner of properties responsible for payments of the water and sewer bills. Together with Superintendent Nelson and Frank Michalczyk, draft wording has been put together for discussion and approval at the next Board meeting on May 20. Trustee Shepherd stated that he is in favor of the owners being held responsible. Trustee Ritzert questioned how the owners would know what is owed. Frank Michalczyk stated that the bills would be sent directly to them. Trustee Wagner was concerned that this would make it difficult for the owners as the rent would change to reflect changing water and sewer bills each month. President Martinez asked the trustees to contact Trustee Peterson with questions or suggestions. Frank added that multi-family units are a problem as often times they move out leaving no notice to anyone and leave a balance behind.

Attorney Smoron suggested sending the monthly bills to both the owner and the tenant. He also stated that funds can be collected through the State Comptroller's office as they will deduct it from individual tax refunds.

Trustee Ritzert suggested holding property inspections between tenants.

Trustee Santoro stated that he believes the right thing to do is to make the land owners responsible for the bills. Trustee Wagner would like the owners to have a grace period in order to adjust to the new ordinance. Trustee Lange feels that this makes it plain and

clear and is the way to go in the future. President Martinez stated that this will be continued to the next Board meeting and will be voted on it then as well.

Discussion and Vote to Approve Ordinance Authorizing Changes to the Employee Handbook for Seven Day a Week Employees

President Martinez asked that this Ordinance amendment be taken off of the agenda at this time.

Discussion and Vote to Approve 2019-2020 Village Budget

Treasurer Pat Syens stated that a major goal for all Funds is to continue to put dollars into savings and earmark for long term capital development. During the past year, the Village was able to place into savings \$106,035 in the General Fund Capital Development Savings account and \$144,356 into the Sewer and Water Fund Capital Development Savings account. She stated that there will be no changes to staffing.

President Martinez added that the Village has never had a Capital Development Savings before. She went on to discuss the Village's aging water mains and the huge cost of replacing them. She stated that the Board is trying to address such things. She also stated that this was the third year for a balanced budget and mentioned that Trustee Shepherd helped with the review. Trustee Shepherd gave an overview of the current staffing. He mentioned that Public Works Uniforms increased so that these employees can be outfitted so that they can be identified.

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Village Budget. Trustee Ritzert seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd, Ritzert, Santoro, Wagner and Lange approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Announcement of 2018-2019 Snowman Contest Winners

President Martinez announced and congratulated the winners of the 2018-2019 Snowman Contest which were as follows:

- First Place – The Arthur Family
- Second Place – The Mayerck/Swenson Family
- Third Place – The Stevens Family

Department Head Reports

Dan Nelson mentioned that the railing in the downtown area will be going up soon.

Chief Donlea reminded all to make sure that all doors are locked when leaving the Village Hall.

Public Comments 2

John Vole of 10006 Main Street mentioned that they complied with installing a grease trap in their new ice cream shop. He asked who inspected the other restaurants in the Village. He also asked who inspects the plumbing. President Martinez stated that it must

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be inspected by the County. The previous plumbing inspector was from the previous administration.

Mike Von Bergen of 9719 IL Route 173 stated that the School Board Meeting was tomorrow, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Grade School. He mentioned that their last

Township meeting attendance was a full house. They did not pass two solar developments. There will be two new wedding venues and they will be all season venues.

Dave Manning, 9906 Illinois Street, explained that, as a landlord, he adds the cost of water and sewer into the monthly rent and at the end of the year he makes adjustments, if necessary.

There were no other comments at this time.

Attorney Report

None

Board Comments

Trustee Shepherd stated that he has been busy preparing the budget and now will move on to preparing the Appropriations.

Trustee Ritzert commented that the notification for the Senior Bus Grant deadline is coming up soon. Treasurer Syens said she will check into it. President Martinez suggested contacting PACE as well to include in the grant.

Trustee Shepherd stated that the Village will work on putting together a communication system to alert residents of boil orders, etc.

President Martinez congratulated all the Trustees that were elected in the recent election. She also added that ZRFM offers a training seminar for both new and veteran elected official and it will be held on May 11th. She stated that the next Village Board meeting on May 6th will be cancelled, leaving the next Board meeting on Monday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Wagner made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Trustee Lange seconded the motion. Motion carried by all voting aye.



Jean Attermeier,
Village Clerk



Kimmy Martinez,
Village President