

VILLAGE OF HEBRON  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
MAY 20, 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, Lange, and Peterson answered aye to roll call.

**Swearing In of the Village Trustees**

At this time, Attorney Smoron read the official oath of office to all newly elected trustees. This included Trustees Shepherd, Santoro, Lange and Peterson.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve minutes of April 15, 2019 Village Board Meeting**

Trustee Lange made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019 Village Board meeting. Trustee Santoro seconded the motion. Trustees Lange, Santoro, Shepherd, Ritzert, and Wagner approved the motion by answering aye. Trustee Peterson abstained. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve April/May 2019 Accounts Payable**

Trustee Shepherd reported that the General Fund total was \$19,128.23. The Water/Sewer Fund was \$26,921.34, which gives a combined total of \$46,049.57. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve April/May accounts payable as presented. Trustee Lange seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd, Lange, Ritzert, Santoro, Wagner, and Peterson approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**President's Report**

President Martinez began by thanking and congratulating all involved on a successful 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique and Classic Bike show hosted by the Midwest Antique & Classic Motorcycle Club in downtown Hebron. She reported that there were 50 bikes in attendance and approximately 200 visitors. She added that, each year, this show brings another opportunity for our businesses to reach new customers and show why more visitors should come back to Hebron.

She reminded residents that the Village will be flushing Fire Hydrants this week and if anyone has questions or issues, they should call the Water Department.

President Martinez announced that the Village Annual Spring Into Summer Fest is scheduled at the Hebron Community Park on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. The festival will include children's activities, music, food, vendors and a beer garden. She acknowledged Trustees Lange and Santoro for their hard work and efforts for this year's festival. She mentioned that there is a Facebook page titled Spring Into Summer Fest which includes information.

**Public Comment 1**

There were none at this time.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve Waving Permit Fees for the Construction of a Storage Building by St. John's Church**

Don Gritmacher explained that St. John's Church is a non-profit church and they would like to build a storage building on their property. He asked the Board to wave the permit fee. Trustee Santoro asked what the amount of the permit fee and it was confirmed that it was \$90. Trustee Ritzert stated that this would not wave the inspection; only the permit fee. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve waving the permit fee for construction of a storage building by St. John's Church. Trustee Wagner seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd, Wagner, Ritzert, and Santoro approved the motion by answering aye. Trustees Lange and Peterson abstained. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve Class A Liquor License and Video Gaming License for Gaming Café by Jamie Moran and Dan Ramono**

President Martinez informed the Board that Jamie Moran and Dan Ramono and Accel Entertainment would like to open a gaming café next to the Subway on Route 47. If approved, this would bring the Village's Class A liquor licenses to seven and the video gaming licenses to six.

Jamie Moran addressed the Board stating that he has been a fire fighter for fifteen years. He went on to say that this new gaming café would employ people from the community creating a social environment that would generate revenue to the Village. He mentioned that he is currently in the process of opening another establishment in Richmond, IL.

President Martinez stated that the four gaming establishments in the Village currently bring in \$37,000 of additional revenue. Trustee Shepherd asked what would be served and Mr. Moran stated that only snacks would be served and they would be free. Trustee Ritzert expressed concern over how many of these types of businesses the Village can support. Trustee Santoro asked what the capacity of the building was and it was stated that the building is 500 square feet and that determines the amount of people allowed. Trustee Peterson praised them for their business plan and said she was in favor of it. Trustee Shepherd asked what the opening date would be and Mr. Moran stated that it would be in approximately four to six months. He added that the hours of operation would be 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. although it may stay open longer on Friday and Saturdays.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve a Class A liquor license and video gaming license for a gaming café by Jamie Moran and Dan Ramono. Trustee Lange seconded the motion. Trustee Peterson, Lange, Shepherd, Ritzert, Santoro, and Wagner, approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve Clark Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. 2019 Professional Service Contract**

President Martinez stated that Clark is offering the same rate of \$465 per application for eight scheduled applications. They notify the Village three days prior so that we can make residents aware of the upcoming applications via the Village website and Facebook page. Trustee Lange made a motion to approve Clark Environmental Mosquito

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Management, Inc. 2019 professional service contract. Trustee Santoro seconded the motion. Trustee Lange, Santoro, Shepherd, Ritzert, Wagner, and Peterson approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve 2019 Annual Siren Maintenance Contract**

President Martinez explained that the 2019 Annual Siren maintenance contract for the Village's three emergency warning towers would be with Fulton Siren Services, if approved. This year's contract is \$1,004.23 compared to \$955.85 last year; this is an increase of \$48.38, but it is the first increase in five years.

Trustee Lange made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Annual Siren Maintenance Contract with Fulton Siren Services. Trustee Ritzert seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd, Ritzert, Santoro, Wagner, Lange and Peterson approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve 2019 Lawn Care Maintenance Agreement with B&B Lawn Care**

President Martinez mentioned that the Village only had one bid this year which was from B&B Lawn Care who also won the award last year. They are keeping their rates the same at \$200 per week and the contract will remain the same including Spring & Fall cleanup, weekly mowing of Union Street East and West, Hebron Community Park, Price Baseball Field, secondary lots, around Village signs, turning beds, edging, trimming bushes, hedge work and bed maintenance. The Village of Hebron must be listed as additionally insured on their insurance policy. Discussion ensued regarding the Village not being equipped to accomplish this as we do not have the equipment available to get the job done. This equipment would run approximately 15 to 20 thousand and it would take four years to break even.

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the 2019 Lawn Care Maintenance Agreement with B&B Lawn Care. Trustee Santoro seconded the motion. Trustee Shepherd, Santoro, Ritzert, Wagner, Lange and Peterson approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve Girl Scout Sponsorship Dues and Fundraiser**

April Steele and Sherry Harrington, representing Girl Scout Troop 3271, gave an overview of the program that they are involved giving girls the ability to come together and learn life skills. They are asking the Village for a donation to help with sponsorship dues and fundraiser to assist payments for girls that cannot afford the program. President Martinez stated that for every \$25 it sponsors one girl for one year. Trustee Peterson proposed a donation of \$300. Dan Nelson, Public Works Superintendent, suggested taking \$175 from events and \$175 from the parks budget.

Trustee Ritzert made a motion to approve a donation of \$300 to Girl Scout Troop 3271; taking \$175 from events and \$175 from the parks budget. Trustee Wagner seconded the

motion. Trustee Ritzert, Wagner, Shepherd, Santoro, Lange and Peterson approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve Proclamation Declaring June 21-28, 2019, as Village of Hebron Bicycle Week**

President Martinez read the proclamation declaring June 21-28 as Village of Hebron Bicycle Week. She clarified that this was non-motorized bicycles only. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the proclamation declaring June 21-28, 2019 as Village of Hebron Bicycle Week. Trustee Lange seconded the motion. Trustee Peterson, Lange, Shepherd, Santoro, Ritzert, and Wagner approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Vote to Approve Resolution Adopting the McHenry County Citizens' Conservation Bill of Rights**

President Martinez read the resolution adopting the McHenry County Citizens' Conservation Bill of Rights. Trustee Ritzert stated that she saw in the newspaper that the County did not approve their budget. She went on to state that they have taken up to 25,000 acres of land off the tax rolls. President Martinez added that when they buy land, it is taken off the tax rolls and the Village of Hebron loses money. Trustee Shepherd agrees with Trustee Ritzert; they are surrounding the Village, limiting our growth. He added that they have been difficult to work with in the past and they never connected the bike trails as proposed. He said he does not have an issue with the resolution, however. Trustee Peterson stated that this resolution is only a goal and is a good vision.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the McHenry County Citizens' Conservation Bill of Rights. Trustee Santoro seconded the motion. Trustee Peterson, Santoro, and Shepherd voted by answering aye. Trustees Ritzert, Lange, Wagner, and President Martinez voted against the resolution. The motion was denied. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Vote Regarding Joe Nilles Appeal of Water Bill Reduction to the Village Board**

Joe Nilles expressed to the Board that he had been unaware of the high amount his water and sewer bill grown to. He believes that the water should have been shut off at some point. He is asking for \$1,894.08 to be forgiven by the Village Board. Frank Michalczyk, of the Hebron water and sewer department, stated that Mr. Nilles was notified by him, but the previous administration had not contacted him as far as he knew. President Martinez concurred that a previous employee did not notify Mr. Nilles; Frank caught the error and sent notification. Discussion ensued regarding payment plans. Trustee Peterson asked if he was charged late fees and Mr. Nilles responded that he had accrued late fees. Trustee Peterson suggested that the late fees be refunded as there was a mistake made by a former employee. She also asked that the Board reviews and makes changes to the current billing ordinance for clarity purposes. Trustee Peterson recommended refunding the \$186 of late fees to Joe Nilles.

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At this time, Attorney Smoron suggested that notices go out to both the owner of the property and the tenant. He recommended having emails on file for both and went on to state that the owner and tenant are jointly liable. In addition, he suggested working with the state to recover fees. He explained that there is a program that can be set up with the state as an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the state comptroller to recover fees; any revenue to be sent back to the owner from the state will be intercepted and sent to the Village of Hebron. President Martinez confirmed with Mr. Nilles that the outstanding bills have been paid and she suggested that any money recovered by the IGA would be returned to Mr. Nilles. Trustee Ritzert asked if this could be done if the bill has already been paid and Attorney Smoron stated he would check on that. Trustee Shepherd stated that he felt that this would send a precedent regarding refunding late fees.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve refunding \$186.64 of late fees to Joe Nilles. Trustee Lange seconded the motion. Trustee Peterson, Lange, Santoro, and Wagner voted by answering aye. Trustees Ritzert and Shepherd voted no. Motion carried.

#### **Department Head Reports**

Dan Nelson mentioned that the railing in the downtown area is almost finished. He stated the final brush pick up was today and clarified that leaf pick up is done in the fall. Once the weather clears up, they will continue work on the sidewalks. And, fire hydrant flushing will begin this week.

#### **Public Comments 2**

*Cyndie Erckfritz of 9711 Jean Drive* mentioned that cars are speeding on Price Road and it continues to be a problem. Discussion ensued as to how to deter this. The PD can use the portable trailer to alert drivers of how fast they are going.

There were no other comments at this time.

#### **Attorney Report**

None

#### **Board Comments**

Trustee Shepherd stated that there may be a grant available offered McHenry County for the possibility of installing a solar operated speed sign.

Trustee Ritzert asked that the officers vary the areas where they sit while patrolling.

Trustee Santoro announced that there will be five bands playing at Spring Into Summer Fest on June 8 from 2:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Hebron Community Park. Trustee Lange added that there will also be food, a beer garden, kettle corn, shaved ice, a bounce house, as well as other vendors.

Trustee Peterson thanks Frank Michalczyk for all the work he has been doing to improve water and sewer billing.

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President Martinez stated that the next Village Board meeting on June 3rd will be cancelled, leaving the next Board meeting on Monday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Wagner made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Trustee Santoro seconded the motion. Motion carried by all voting aye.



Jean Attermeier,  
Village Clerk



Kimmy Martinez,  
Village President