

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HEBRON
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2018

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

Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Vole, Lange and Canfield answered aye to roll call. Also present was President Martinez, Jane Hahn, Dan Nelson, Chief Donlea and Attorney Greg Barry. There were 15 people present in the audience.

Discussion and vote on the minutes of the July 16, 2018 Village Board Meeting

Trustee Ritzert asked that last names of people with public comments be recorded. Clerk Miller stated that last names were not given. Trustee Lange made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018 Village Board Meeting. Trustee Ritzert seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Vole, Lange and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Discussion and vote to approve the June/July 2018 Accounts Payable

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the July/August 2018 accounts payable; General Fund in the amount of \$32,604.45 and Water/Sewer Fund in the amount of \$139,878.08 for a total of \$172,482.53. Trustee Ritzert seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Vole, Lange and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Presidents Report

President Martinez began with an update of the progress of the water tower maintenance and repair project. She stated that the anchors are on and the shroud will be put on tomorrow, weather permitting. The Board has no news on the school committee meeting as of yet. HBO and Random Productions will be in the Village to film at the Dairy on Monday, August 27th between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. There will be road closings between 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. She added that, if you would like to watch, stay on the northeast corner by Mary's.

Public comments #1

Ella Bostic – What do you have on the Trails of Hebron? President Martinez stated that not much has changed. Ella asked if the trial would be open to the public and President Martinez confirmed that it would be. Ella mentioned that a lot of scam calls are going on in the Village. She recently received one from Microsoft and one where she receives a call from herself. President Martinez asked Chief Donlea to draft something for the website regarding this issue.

Will Slaby – He is unclear about how the police take a call. He asked what the procedure was. President Martinez stated that if there was a health and safety issue regarding door access, they would address it promptly. Discussion ensued regarding the status of the door; there was something on door, but it did not block it. Will commented that perhaps the police should come to discuss the issue with them first. He stated that Janet's property was moved without notification.

There were no further comments.

Discussion and vote to approve a refund to Mary's on Maple for License and Gaming Stickers

Trustee Shepherd stated that he did not have a problem if it is a refund for the months they didn't use. He would like to make sure the water bill is paid. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve a refund for the liquor license and the gaming, but the water bill needed to be paid in full first. Trustee Lange seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Vole, Lange and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

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Discussion and vote to approve waiving of park fees for the Girl Scouts

Trustee Shepherd stated he had no problem with waiving the park fees. Trustee Ritzert made a motion to approve the waiving of the park fees for the Girl Scouts. Trustee Vole seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Vole, Lange and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Discussion and vote to approve the appointment and swearing in of trustee for open trustee seat

President Martinez stated that she would like to appoint Robert Wagner to the vacant trustee seat. Trustee Shepherd questioned whether he would have to resign from the Planning and Zoning commission prior to being sworn in. Discussion ensued and afterward, Robert Wagner resigned by voice from Planning and Zoning. Trustee Shepherd asked Attorney Barry if the Village needed to accept Mark Mogan's resignation prior to appointing a new trustee. Attorney Barry answered that he didn't believe so. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to appoint Robert Wagner for the open trustee seat. Trustee Vole stated that he noticed that Robert Wagner is selling his home which is listed with President Martinez's business. He wanted to confirm that this relationship would not affect his voting on issues. Robert Wagner stated that this would not play into his ability to vote. Trustee Lange seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Vole, Lange and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

At 7:25 p.m., Robert Wagner was sworn in as trustee.

Discussion and vote to approve resolution against solar farms on Hebron borders

President Martinez stated that the Board should have been provided with a health and safety report from the company, but the printer was not working, so this was not possible. She added that Geronimo was asked to send several reports and only sent one. They did send photos that were provided to the Board. Geronimo wants to put a solar farm in Hebron proper on Route 47 less than a quarter mile from town. She asked them why they couldn't push it back off the road and not directly next to Route 47. They answered that it must be along the roadway. She also asked what the benefit to the village would be. Their answer was that they would cut bills by 10 percent. President Martinez responded that this percentage should be much higher. The company leases the land and receives a net of \$700 to \$1,200 per panel. President Martinez feels the property should be zoned industrial not agricultural as the taxes are much lower for agricultural zoning. She feels that the 10 percent on the resident's bills that the residents would see on their bills is not enough; a savings of 40 to 50 percent might be worth it. President Martinez stated that she is for solar farms if they are not directly off of the main roads.

Trustee Canfield asked for clarification that they would receive approximately \$1,200 per panel, not per acre. President Martinez stated that this was correct. Trustee Lange stated that he thought it would be an eye sore on the main street entering the Village. He stated that he was not against solar panels, however. Trustee Vole said that he talked to the same gentleman and he told him that the Village could see an addition of \$30,000 in taxes. He said it was to be close to power lines. He stated that if you drove by it, you would not be able to see it due to landscaping. In addition, the Village would benefit from an additional water hook up. President Martinez stated that the property is in unincorporated Hebron and that the Village would not receive anything in taxes. Trustee Ritzert mentioned that she is concerned about how it would look when driving into town. She would like to table any decisions until the zoning board reviews it. Trustee Shepherd stated that growth of communities stopped, but that growth will begin again and this could deter that. He said the picture he saw of this proposal was a picture of weeds. He stated that he is not in favor of this; he is in favor of the resolution. President Martinez added that because this has been continued at the County, the Board still has time. If the resolution is not passed, the Village will not be heard. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the resolution against solar farms

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on Hebron borders. Trustee Lange seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Lange and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Trustee Ritzert and Vole voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Treasurer- None
Public Works- None
Police- Chief Donlea mentioned that school zone signs were out.

Public Comments #2

Ray Stalker – He expressed concern about how many cars were allowed to be parked on a driveway. President Martinez confirmed that you can park as many cars as necessary.

Attorney's report

J & L Contractor and Kennedy Homes keeps trying to delay the trial, however, the trial date is set.

Board Comments


Trustee Shepherd state that, in regards to the water tower, that he does not see an issue with adding the names to the bottom of the tower, however this will add to the cost of upkeep in the future. He believes it should remain the original player's names only. President Martinez stated that it will not cost a penny more for the extra names. Trustee Ritzert agreed with Trustee Shepherd. Trustee Vole mentioned that during the Hebron garage sale days, a large amount of motorcycles came into town. He alluded that Chief Donlea drove by and did nothing regarding motorcycles parking improperly. Chief Donlea stated that there was a lot going on that day and he may have missed this issue. Trustee Vole added that he believes in being a good neighbor and helping each other out. He said Janet, of Prairie Avenue Antiques, had racks outside during the garage sale days. The employees from the bar next door were sure to park right in front of her tables. He feels that this is not being a good neighbor and that all people should be treated the same. Trustee Wagner asked why we all can't just get along. President Martinez reported that Garage and Shop Sale Days was a huge success. She stated that she had received questions about why it was not advertised in the paper. She stated that the Village has a limited budget and they decided to advertise on social media instead as newspaper ads were \$500.

The next Board meeting on September 3rd has been cancelled due to Labor Day weekend. The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. It was seconded by Trustee Ritzert. Motion carried.

Rose Smith-Miller
Village Clerk


Kimmy Martinez
Village President