

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HEBRON
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2017

President Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Mogan, Georgi and Canfield answered aye to roll call. Trustee Vole was absent. Also present were President Jacobson, Jane Hahn, Attorney Smoron and Superintendent Nelson. Trustee Vole was absent. There were 10 people present in the audience.

Approve minutes of the January 16th 2017 Village Board Meeting

Trustee Mogan made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16th 2017 Village Board Meeting. Trustee Shepherd seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Mogan, Georgi and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Approve payment of January/February 2017 Accounts Payable

Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the January/February 2017 accounts payable in the amount of \$24,961.75. Trustee Mogan seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Mogan, Georgi and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Discussion and approval IEPA Loan Amendment

President Jacobson explained to the Board that the IEPA Loan Amendment allowed the Village to continue to pay interest only payments through 2017. He expresses that he would be trying to negotiate with the IEPA to get loan forgiveness or to remodify the loan. President Jacobson said he would also like to send an extra \$20,000.00 of principal. Trustee Georgi stated he could not figure out how the Village could pay \$100,000 of interest only if they had been spending so much on new meters. President Jacobson said that the funds would be available and that the IEPA had suggested putting in the meters as a way to eventually go to monthly billing. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the IEPA Loan Amendment for interest only for 2017. Trustee Mogan seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Mogan and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Trustees Ritzert and Georgi voted nay. President Jacobson voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments

A resident spoke about a tree which was in the Village right of way and the Village had cut down. She explained that there was still a stump there. She had a friend that would like to plant a Maple there. It was the coconscious of the Board to allow the tree to be planted but Superintendent Nelson was to choose type of tree and placement of the tree. Presidential Candidate Martinez spoke and ask why the Village did not publish job openings, why the Audit was not on the website and why the Village chose a loan vs a bond to build the sewer plant. Clerk Miller explained that the Village had advertised for job openings in the Northwest Herald and on Blue Shield and that the Audit could be obtained by just asking for it.

Discussion and approval of IDOT Resolution for 2017

Attorney Smoron told the Board that this Resolution was passed before and that it is a requirement for IDOT. This Resolution just assures that should we have to do work that requires tearing up part of the road that we would restore it to its original condition. Trustee Ritzert made a motion to approve the IDOT Resolution for 2017. Trustee Georgi seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Mogan, Georgi and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

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Discussion and approval of safety railing on water tower

President Jacobson told the Board that he had talked to Ray's Welding about putting the safety railing on the water tower. They said the cost would not exceed \$8000.00. President Jacobson told the Board that it had to be done before Dixon Engineering could clean the tower and that this was who they recommended. Trustee Ritzert asked if the Village had gotten bids. Trustee Georgi asked if President Jacobson wanted permission to get bids or if he was asking for approval to spend. Trustee Canfield said he would like to see something in writing. It was the consensus of the Board to table this discussion.

Discussion and approval of new police officer

Sargent Donlea spoke to the Board and explained that the Board had approved the hiring of 4 new officers. Two of the four did not work out. He was working on the background check of Glen Blaylock and would like to hire him if everything came back good. Trustee Mogan made a motion to approve the hiring of Glen Blaylock pending background check. Trustee Canfield seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Mogan and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Trustee Georgi answered nay. Motion carried.

Discussion and approval of an Ordinance Imposing a Moratorium on increases for the water and sewer rates

President Jacobson told the Board that he would like to freeze the rates as not to do the increase for 2017 water and sewer bills until he can negotiate an agreement with the IEPA. He explained that the new increases would begin on the April bills if they did not freeze them. Trustee Ritzert asked about wording in the agreement that implicated to her that the Village would need to get approval from the IEPA before doing a moratorium on the water and sewer rates. Trustee Georgi said he would like to see a specific time frame on the freeze. Attorney Smoron explained to him that even if you add a time frame, it would not stop the Board in the future of changing it as they have that ability as the governing body. This subject was tabled.

Board comments

Trustee Ritzert asked the Board for their thoughts on doing a community garden in the Park by Woodland Meadows. They thought it was a good idea if she could get the people to manage it. Trustee Georgi said that Superintendent Nelson did a good job at getting the Hart's Saloon yard signs down but they seem to be going up again so he will need to revisit the issue.

Attorney's comments

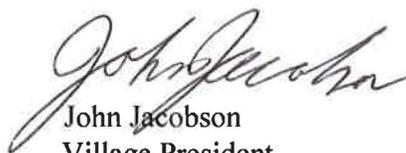
None

Adjournment

7:51



Rose Smith-Miller
Village Clerk



John Jacobson
Village President