

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HEBRON
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
August 21, 2017

President Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:09p.m.

Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Vole, Mogan, Lange and Canfield answered aye to roll call. Also present were President Martinez and Attorney Smoron. There were 17 people present in the audience.

Approve minutes of the July 17th 2017 Village Board Meeting

Trustee Mogan made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17th 2017 Village Board Meeting. Trustee Shepherd seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Vole, Mogan, Lange and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Approve payment of July/August 2017 Accounts Payable

Trustee Shepherd said that he noticed we were paying for an employee that was not approved by the Board. President Martinez said that the employee was approved at a previous meeting but never worked out so the new employee was to replace the one that was already approved. Trustee Ritzert stated that they had approved to hire an employee but had not approved the employee himself. President Martinez said that per the Village ordinance Sec.8-1-4 states that the Chief has the right to hire without Board approval. Trustee Shepherd said it had always been that the Board would approve any new employees. It was the consensus of the Board that Attorney Smoron would look into it. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the July/August 2017 accounts payable in the amount of \$105,926.18. Trustee Mogan seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Vole, Mogan, Lange and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Public comments

A resident told the Board of an issue with a manhole cover and President Martinez said she would have Superintendent Nelson look into it. It was asked when the repair of the railing on Main St would be done. President Martinez told them that the Village was working on it and had to get permission from the state. A business owner complained about Hart's Saloon and how in 2013 she caught someone drinking outside the on her property. The police asked the person to leave and they did. Things have gotten worse she stated. She felt that the Village was incorrect in their description of an easement existing. Someone asked where the newsletter was located so that people could get one. President Martinez told her it was on the website at the Village Hall, at the Harvard Savings Bank, the Dari and the Post Office.

Discussion and vote on an ordinance amending section 6a-4-6 Liability for payment, of the Hebron Municipal Code regarding final payment of water bills prior to sale of property

President Martinez explained to the Board that this amendment to the code would require certification that the water bill for said property was paid before closing. The amendment would hold Seller and Buyer responsible for obtaining certificate. The Village will be contacting local title companies to let them know of the new requirement.

Discussion and vote to Audit 2016/17

Tabled to next meeting

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Discussion and vote to waive liquor license fee for Fire Department pig roast

Trustee Lange made a motion to approve waiving the liquor license fee for the fire department pig roast. Trustee Ritzert seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Vole, Mogan, Lange and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Discussion and vote on a resolution to use \$19,000 in motor Fuel tax for road repairs

President Martinez explain to the Board that publics works would be doing repair work to the roads and that the funds would come from Motor Fuel Tax. To do so the Village would need to pass the resolution for the \$19,000. Trustee Canfield made a motion to approve the resolution for \$19,000. Trustee Lange seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Vole, Mogan, Lange and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Discussion and vote on a resolution for Johnsbury and the efforts to clean up the Fox River

President Martinez told the Board that the resolution for Johnsbury was a good neighbor resolution. The Resolution would in no way obligate the Village to spend any funds. Trustee Ritzert made a motion to approve the resolution for Johnsbury. Trustee Canfield seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Vole, Mogan, Lange and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Discussion and vote to approve a new part time police officer "Chris Roberts"

Trustee Mogan asked why they were voting to approve the employee if it was not required. President Martinez said that she was doing it to appease the Board as some members were not in agreement with what she had read from the code. She expressed her desire to hire Mr. Roberts as soon as possible as they had holes in the schedule due to an officer retiring. Trustee Shepherd made a motion to approve the Hiring of Chris Roberts as a part time officer. Trustee Mogan seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Vole, Mogan, Lange and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Discussion and vote to hire a new full time public works employee

President Martinez told the Board that she would like to hire Tim Hinterberg as a full time public Works employee. She told them he had a CDL and a good work record, also he had plowed snow for Town of Linn. Trustee Lange made a motion to approve the hiring of Tim Hinterberg as a full time public works employee. Trustee Shepherd seconded the motion. Trustees Shepherd, Ritzert, Vole, Mogan, Lange and Canfield approved the motion by answering aye. Motion carried.

Discussion and presentations

NONE

Public Comments

Someone asked if the new office could give some background on himself. Mr. Roberts stated he was currently an officer and a firefighter. A resident said that nothing has been done to the roads in Country View in years and would like to see some done.

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Department Head Reports

Public Works- Superintendent Nelson thanked Ion Stear for all the work he has done and welcomed his new employee Mr. Hinterberg.

Treasurer- Treasurer Syens told the Board that she was working on the senior bus grant which was due on the 22nd. She was also working with IDOT to assure we are following proper procedure with the way we handle MFT funds. Mrs.Syens then thanked Assistant Treasurer Jane Hahn for all the work she does entering the bills and also getting everything ready for the audit.

Police- Chief Donlea welcomed Mr.Roberts to his team. He then thanked Dennis Durbin who had just retired from the Hebron Police Department for all his years of service. He explained that moving forward he would like to provide more coverage to the Village.

Board comments

Trustee Vole spoke about fiscal responsibility. He then talked about Mr. Stears pay increase and how much would he be getting paid when he gets all his certificates. He then stated he thought that 2 meetings a month were not needed and would cost too much in payroll.

Trustee Mogan asked the Chief if someone was to see an incident and report it to the police but the police do not see it are they unable to ticket them unless someone files a complaint. The Chief said yes. They could write a citation as they would have a signed complaint.

Trustee Canfield welcomed aboard the new employees. He said he had been hearing good things about the work that Dan and Ion are doing.

Trustee Shepherd was not sure why the Village needed to have 2 meeting a month as they saved \$5400 a year by only having 1.

President Martinez discussed moving the Village into the future and helping it to grow. She used Huntley as an example. She also announced the next Village Board meeting to be Monday Sept 4th at 7pm.

Attorney's comment

Attorney Smoron told the Board they would be going in front of Judge Meyer tomorrow.

Adjournment

8:50



Rose Smith-Miller
Village Clerk



Kimmy Martinez
Village President