

**VILLAGE OF HEBRON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2022
6:00 PM**

This meeting was held both remotely and in person.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Layton called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Layton asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers in attendance: Council President Dr. Valerie Mockus; Councilmembers Stacy Stoner, Annelle Porter, Rich Moore and Paige Seymour.

Mayor Layton said Councilmember Nauer was excused from this meeting.

Others in attendance: Mayor James Layton, Village Administrator John Trujillo, Village Solicitor Wesley K. Untied, Village Fiscal Officer Deborah Morgan, Water Reclamation Superintendent Tom Coleman, and Clerk of Council/Administrative Assistant Christina Furbee.

Visitors: Randy Wolf, Mike McFarland

NOTICE: MEETING DOCUMENTATION

Mayor Layton said the minutes for this meeting are being recorded and a written summary will be available by request at a later date.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT- Water Reclamation

Water Reclamation Superintendent Tom Coleman said the Water Reclamation Department has treated 53 million gallons of water this year. He said two blowers have been ordered. One has been replaced and hopefully the other will be replaced in a month or so.

Mr. Coleman said each facility has its own generator, but they are serviced under contracts from different vendors. He said he is working on getting service quotes from past vendors to put them all under one umbrella.

He said the Water Reclamation Department is working on completing training; the last remaining requirement of the BWC Trench Safety Grant.

Mr. Coleman said all industrial facilities are required to be inspected by the Environmental Protection Agency and the first round will be March 31st. He said 4-5 inspections are completed per round, for the facilities that are on the pretreatment program.

Mr. Coleman said a periodic update in regard to pretreatment permits is required. He said Brian Coghlan of V3 Engineering, Ltd. expects to send a final draft to the Ohio EPA to review and finalize, and then new pretreatment permits will be reissued to industries. He said permit limit values do not appear to be going up. Mr. Coleman said this would create a cost savings for the Village because past values can be used for the permits.

Dr. Mockus asked for clarification about trench training. Mr Coleman said this training requirement applies to all three departments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 16, 2022 Combined Council Committees Meeting

Dr. Mockus moved to approve the February 16, 2022 Combined Council Committees Meeting minutes as presented, second by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor except Mrs. Porter who abstained.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Mike McFarland, 133 Hamilton Avenue, said at a recent Annual Pie Fest meeting, he was granted opportunity to be a government liaison for the purpose of working with the Police Department, Fire District, other Village Departments, etc about street closures, porta johns, and other services and needs for the event. He said he will call Village Administrator John Trujillo to set up an appointment to discuss what happened in the past and what Mr. Trujillo is comfortable with going forward. Mr. McFarland said the Pie Fest will be held on August 20, 2022

from 12pm-6pm. He said leadership is in place and he encouraged all to feel free to give his phone number to anyone with questions.

Randy Wolf said the next Fire District meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 5pm.

Mrs. Morgan said she is watching the rising gas prices and the effect on each Department's budget.

Mrs. Porter asked about wetland fees to a company called Mad Scientists. Mrs. Morgan said those fees are paid to a company that manages the wetlands. Mr. Trujillo said this is all part of the cost share agreement for the grant the Village received for the wetlands project. He said the Village's cost share is the follow up maintenance.

LEGISLATION

None

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

February 2022 Bank Reconciliation

Mrs. Seymour moved to acknowledge receipt, review and approval of the February 2022 Bank Reconciliation as presented by the Village Fiscal Officer, second by Mr. Moore. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Purchase new vehicle, replacing 2007 Impala

Mr. Trujillo said Councilmember Porter requested he obtain an additional quote for a new vehicle to replace a 2007 Impala. Mr. Trujillo provided a quote for a Durango from John Hinderer; however, he said Chrysler does not provide a supplement or participate in the state bid, so the \$40,590 quote is for retail price. He said the bid from Coughlan Ford was \$42,000 that includes \$1,500 bid assistance from the factory, and the lowest bid was from Coughlan GMC at \$29,874 for a Terrain. Mr. Trujillo asked Council to consider a motion to trade in the 2007 Impala and purchase a GMC Terrain from Coughlan.

Mrs. Porter said there is a group of Council members going to an Ohio Municipal League training on Saturday. She said she would like to delay action tonight to allow Council members to attend the training and get information about the state bid process.

Mrs. Porter said she viewed the Impala and though it needs about \$4,100 in repairs, she would like to consider keeping the vehicle and making the repairs, as there is a big difference between the cost of repairs and purchasing a new vehicle.

Mr. Trujillo said he followed direction from Council to get three bids from local vendors. He said these quotes are not based on state bid, as state bid has no vehicles available right now, so the state bid process was not applied. Mr. Trujillo said the Impala is getting more expensive to maintain and it is unknown what may break down next. He said the issues with the Impala are not cosmetic, they are mechanical. He added if a vehicle with a warranty is purchased, there are typically no additional costs. Mrs. Porter said her reasoning is the initial cost and in a climate where expenses will continue to rise, she feels the Village needs to be prudent to keep an eye on our expenses. She suggested the Village look at the scheduling of use of vehicles we currently have.

Mrs. Stoner said at the last meeting, she asked to wait until after the Ohio Municipal League training to consider purchasing a new vehicle. She said the quotes are not for the same type of vehicle, and she found a couple vehicles that are available now through state bid, so she would like to see state bid quotes. She asked why only an SUV is being considered for purchase. Mr. Trujillo said Administratively, that is what the Village chose to look at.

Mayor Layton asked Mrs. Stoner to share the information she found about the state bids. Mrs. Stoner said the bids received do not include specs. Mr. Trujillo said the vehicles are V6, AWD or 4WD. Dr. Mockus said she feels Council is trying to give feedback that there are concerns about this process and the proposed vehicles. She said she does not think this process has to be so painful. She would like to find a vehicle that would not be so costly to fuel, and she feels Council's concerns are not being heard by Administration. Mayor Layton asked for a list of Council's concerns.

Councilmembers said the list includes:

- SUV vs Sedan
- State bid price
- Fuel mileage/prices
- Cost of repairs vs new vehicle
- More information at training on the state bid process

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Trujillo provided his report and asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Porter asked what the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has to say about the Intel expansion. Mr. Trujillo said the Village being in close proximity to where Intel will be is important when people are coming here to live, or to look for land or a facility.

Mrs. Seymour asked about an item on the Administrator's report. Mr. Trujillo said M.I. Homes wanted to discuss the possibility of a new subdivision. He said they are looking for a place to build anywhere from 500-1000 units, similar to what Pulte Group is doing in Lake Forest. Mayor Layton said the Village has water and sewer to offer, and the school Superintendent said they have room for more students.

COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORTS

Dr. Mockus apologized that yesterday's Special Council meeting was cancelled. She said she found an issue with the agenda, and it could not be changed and posted within the required 24-hour window. She said she still feels strongly that Council should have a special meeting about the Fire District. Councilmembers agreed. She suggested using an appointment scheduling site to save time with coordinating meetings. Councilmembers scheduled a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday March 15, 2022 at 6pm to discuss the Fire District. Mayor Layton said he will meet with Union Township Trustee John Slater next week.

Mr. Moore said the next Fire District meeting is tomorrow night. He said there is an Interim Chief in place and there is no plan to hire a Chief at this time. Mr. Moore said they will surely look at Union Township wanting out of the Fire District.

Dr. Mockus said it is important to make clear plans under various scenarios. Mayor Layton provided information about how much 1 mill will generate in the Village of Hebron (\$83,412) and Union Township (\$220,931). Mr. Moore said the Fire District says staffing needs include 6 Fulltime (2 per shift) and 3 Parttime (1 per shift), a Chief, an Inspector and a Fiscal Officer. Mrs. Morgan said in 2019 they added additional staff because they received funds from a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant, and when the grant ended, they continued with the additional staff. Mayor Layton said John Slater said he feels Hebron should pay more taxes because we are closer to the Firehouse with a quicker response time, and Union Township has farmland that does not have structure fires.

Mr. Moore said the Buckeye Lake Fire Department budget is about \$500,000 a year but they have less staff.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Layton said he met with Union Township to discuss a possible Joint Economic Development District (JEDD). He said they still want to participate but they want to make stipulations to the agreement. Mayor Layton said the Village will review their suggestions and see if it works for the Village.

Mayor Layton said he attended the recent Licking County Area Transportation Study meeting. He said they are doing a lot of things and will see if there are any funds available for Crosswalk issues they are discussing.

Dr. Mockus said she and Mayor Layton recently met with State Representative Troy Balderson's representatives. She said it was essentially a Meet & Greet, as there was a change in Mr. Balderson's Assistants.

Mayor Layton said there are a lot of projects on the table right now for the Village of Hebron. He said unless it is an emergency, he suggests holding off on any new projects right now.

REVIEW OF EXPENSES

Councilmembers acknowledged review of the list of expenditures. There were no questions or concerns about the expenses.

VISITOR COMMENTS

None

MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE

- March 16, 2022-6pm, Combined Council Committees Meeting, Council Chambers
- March 22, 2022-6pm, South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Meeting, Council Chambers
- March 23, 2022-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers
- April 4, 2022-6:30pm, Planning & Zoning Meeting, Council Chambers
- April 13, 2022-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers
- April 15, 2022-CLOSED for Good Friday
- April 20, 2022-6pm, Combined Council Committees Meeting, Council Chambers
- April 26, 2022-6pm, South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Meeting, Council Chambers
- April 27, 2022-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers

ADJOURN

Mr. Moore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm, second by Mrs. Porter. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

_____ (on file) _____
James Layton, Mayor

Attest:

_____ (on file) _____
Deborah Morgan, Village Fiscal Officer