

**VILLAGE OF HEBRON**  
**March 13, 2024**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**6:00pm**

This meeting was held both remotely and in person.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Valerie Mockus called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers in attendance: Council President Randy Wolf, Councilmembers Jerry Carpenter, Andrea Chapman, Annelle Porter, and Stacy Stoner. Mayor Mockus said Councilmember Nauer has been excused from this meeting.

Others in attendance: Mayor Valerie Mockus, Village Administrator Jung-Han Chen, Chief Fiscal Officer Deborah Morgan, Police Chief Larry Brooks, Police Sergeant Anthony Oliver, Economic & Community Development Director Brittany Misner, Public Works Laborer Barrett Skillman, Village Solicitor Wesley K. Untied, Attorney Jarod Rose, and Clerk of Council Christina Furbee.

Others attending remotely: None

Visitors in attendance: Chuck Chen, Rachel Lamp, Merle Sherman

**ACKNOWLEDGE VISITORS**

Mayor Mockus acknowledged the visitors in attendance.

**NOTICE: MEETING DOCUMENTATION**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 28, 2024-Public Hearing

Mrs. Porter moved to approve the February 28, 2024 Public Hearing minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Chapman. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

February 28, 2024-Council Meeting

Mrs. Porter moved to approve the February 28, 2024 Council Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT-Police**

Police Chief Larry Brooks said a recent audit conducted by the Attorney General's office went well. He said they sent him a message and said that they recommended some of Hebron's procedures to other agencies.

Chief Brooks said cameras are currently being installed in police cars.

He said someone threw something through the front window of a local vape shop and stole some items.

Chief Brooks said the monthly police report was distributed to Council. He said the reports from speed cameras are helping to identify where the problem areas are, and the Police Department is directing resources to address issues.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

Ms. Lamp asked about the police speed cameras. Mr. Carpenter asked if the Hamilton Avenue speed reports are available. Chief Brooks said he will get those reports for him.

## **LEGISLATION**

**ORDINANCE 04-24-** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO RESIDE OUTSIDE OF THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL LIMITS- **Third Reading**

Mrs. Porter moved to adopt Ordinance 04-24 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Chapman. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

**ORDINANCE 07-24-**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE ZONING MAP AND RE-CLASSIFY THE ZONING FOR THE A PORTION OF THE PARCEL KNOW AS 3261 HEBRON ROAD, HEBRON, OHIO 43025-**Third Reading**

Mrs. Porter moved to adopt Ordinance 07-24 as presented, seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

**ORDINANCE 10-24-**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE POLICE CHIEF TO RESIDE OUTSIDE OF THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL LIMITS -**Second Reading**

**ORDINANCE 11-24 -** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADD CERTAIN SECTIONS AND CHAPTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON, OHIO CODIFIED ZONING CODE MORE FULLY DETAILED IN THE DOCUMENT BELOW-**First Reading**

## **COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

### February 2024 Bank Reconciliation

Mr. Carpenter moved to acknowledge receipt and review of the February 2024 bank reconciliation, seconded by Mrs. Chapman. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

### ARPA funds allocation

Mr. Wolf moved to authorize the expense of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for exploration of a potential purchase of property, second by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Energy Aggregation

Mayor Mockus said Commissioner Tim Bubb came to a previous meeting to share information about bargaining for better energy rates. She said residents voted for the Village of Hebron to participate in both gas and electric aggregation. Mayor Mockus said the village received an update recently that said the rates may be even better than originally presented. She said Village Administration will be happy to help answer residents' questions.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Village Administrator Jung-Han Chen said the first superload went through the Village on Monday. He said the next one is expected to come through on March 23<sup>rd</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Chen said Barrett Skillman was hired as the newest laborer with the Public Works Department.

He said the Police Committee met on Monday and will have items to bring to the next Combined Council Committees Meeting. The Director of the Licking County Area Transportation Study (LCATS) will also be at the Combined Council Committees Meeting to give Council some updates on growth that will soon come to this region.

Mr. Chen said he and Mayor Mockus visited with THK Manufacturing of America to learn more about their work.

Mr. Chen said in December, he reported violations identified through the pretreatment program. He said the village is working to address the issues and report back to the Ohio EPA.

## **COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**

Mrs. Porter said she appreciates the speed sign headed west out of the Village.

Mrs. Chapman said items discussed at the recent Police Committee meeting will be brought to the Combined Council Committees Meeting. She said a couple weeks ago, while walking her dog, she and her husband noticed how deep the ditch on Refugee Road is and wondered why there is no guardrail there. Since then, a girl died in a car accident there. She asked if

guardrails can be placed there. Mr. Chen said the issue is that there is not much room there, but the village will look at options for that area.

Mr. Wolf said he called and asked if there will be a spring Chipper Day. Mrs. Misner said there is an Earth Day and Community Clean Up event scheduled on April 21<sup>st</sup>. She said there will be activity booths as well, and items can be dropped off at the Public Works Department; and Chipper Day will be held on the following Tuesday. She said more information will go out soon, to let residents know. Also, a newsletter will go out next week that will include this information.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Mockus thanked Mrs. Chapman for forwarding her anticipated dates of travel this year. She encouraged members of Council to do the same so that we can anticipate if a quorum will be present for meetings.

Mayor Mockus said she and Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Misner, and Mr. Chen visited the new Mayor of Buckeye Lake. Said she felt it was important to reach out to a neighboring village, and we need to stand together and help each other.

Mayor Mockus said she was anxious about the superload that came through the Village, but it seemed to go through without a hitch. She said some tree limbs were knocked down but the Ohio Department of Transportation addressed everything promptly. She expects the next superloads may be less observed but anticipates they will go well.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

Merle Sherman, 101 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Hebron said having speed monitoring signs helps keep people safe and he commends the Village of Hebron for using them.

**REVIEW OF EXPENSES**

Councilmembers acknowledged review of the expenses. There were no questions about the expenses.

**MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE**

- March 20, 2024-6pm, Combined Council Committees Meeting, Council Chambers
- March 25, 2024-5pm, Public Works Committee Meeting, Council Chambers
- March 27, 2024-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers
- March 29, 2024-CLOSED for Good Friday
- April 1, 2024-6pm, Planning & Zoning Meeting, Council Chambers
- April 2, 2024-Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- April 10, 2024-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers
- April 17, 2024-6pm, Combined Council Committees Meeting, Council Chambers
- April 24, 2024-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Wolf moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:36pm, seconded by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

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Mayor Valerie Mockus

Attest:

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Deborah Morgan, Chief Fiscal Officer