

**VILLAGE OF HEBRON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

July 13, 2022

6:00 p.m.

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, Paige Seymour, Kenney Nauer, and Randy Wolf.

Others in attendance: Mayor James Layton, Village Administrator John Trujillo, Village Solicitor Wesley K. Untied, Attorney Jarod Rose, Village Fiscal Officer Deborah Morgan, Police Chief Larry Brooks, Community Development/Stormwater Coordinator Mrs. Nicodemus, and Clerk of Council/ Administrative Assistant Christina Furbee.

Visitors in attendance: Patrick Schwan, Bob Hayman, Chastity Hayman, Tonia Jones, Steve Powell, Rick Stoner, Gary Mockus, Sandra Klein, Trevor Klein, Atrina Good, Wayne Carruthers, Robert Drushal, Mike McFarland, Beth Walters, Clifford Mason, Rose Mason, Jim & Pam Friend, Dave Medley, Tom Marietta, Stephanie Porr, Paula Bingman, Lisa Boysel, Monica Betts, Wesley Herbert, Joeann Herd, Bruce & Lisa Freeman, Stephen Butsko, Josh Walters, Carla Bush, and 4 others (not signed in).

Remote Visitors: Carolyn Rhea, Chris Tucker, Karen (no last name), Citizen 1 (unnamed), Citizen 2 (unnamed)

ACKNOWLEDGE VISITORS

Mayor Layton acknowledged the visitors present at this meeting.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 8, 2022- Council Meeting

Council President Mockus moved to approve the June 8, 2022 Council Meeting minutes as presented, second by Councilmember Porter. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

June 13, 2022-Special Council Meeting

June 15, 2022- Special Council Meeting

Dr. Mockus moved to approve the June 13, 2022 and June 15, 2022 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented, second by Councilmember Seymour. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor, except Councilmember Wolf who abstained.

June 29, 2022- Special Council Meeting

Councilmember Stoner moved to approve the June 29, 2022 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented, second by Dr. Mockus. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Clifford Mason, 113 Dennison Street, said he does not understand why Council passed legislation at a Special Council Meeting on June 29th to enter into an agreement with the West Licking Fire District on the first reading. He said it could have been read tonight and would have had at least two readings. He said he remembers conversations where Mrs. Porter and Dr. Mockus said they do not like to pass legislation on the first reading. Mr. Mason said included on the agenda tonight are legislation to withdraw from Refugee-Canyon Joint Fire District and a

Memorandum of Understanding with West Licking Fire District. He asked how the MOU can be done without first withdrawing from Refugee-Canyon Joint Fire District and making the MOU available for others to review before passing it. Mayor Layton said the ordinance that was passed was to enter into an agreement with West Licking Fire District and the MOU will not be passed tonight, as it is not ready. He said the MOU has been on the table for several weeks now but we can't seem to get the language right between West Licking and the Village. Mr. Mason said once the agreement and MOU are in place, Hebron residents will stop paying 6 mills taxes and start paying 8.9 mills for the West Licking Fire District. Mayor Layton said we were working against a deadline for taxes and potential lack of quorum, and if this is not handled in time, there won't be any money for next year. He said this project has been discussed and on the Council agendas since last year.

J. Wayne Carruthers, 2229 Forest Ridge Drive, said he does not see a problem with joining the West Licking Fire District. He said the problem he sees is with getting away from Hebron taxes but not getting away from West Licking taxes. Mayor Layton said the Village is in the process of conforming its boundary which will take that away.

Mr. Mason said for the record, he has no issue with West Licking Fire District. He said his issue is giving up the Fire service as Hebron has known it, governed by Hebron representatives since 1926.

Sandra Klein, 424 E Cumberland Street, said she is here to voice her opposition against a proposed turn lane at US 40 and High Street. She said she has lived in Hebron since 2000 and she does not feel the traffic patterns justify a turn lane at US 40 and High Street. She said a turn lane will promote more semis through the Village instead of using the bypass. She asked why the stop bar cannot be moved back for travel trailers and campers. She said if a turn lane is wanted in the Village, please consider putting it on Enterprise Drive so semis can safely turn into the three factories along SR 79. Ms. Klein said she supports adding the light fixtures, traffic lights and fixing the crosswalks but she does not feel a turn lane is necessary or a safer option. She asked why we are looking to eliminate sidewalks and parking for our local businesses but mandating sidewalks where no one walks at a dead end street. She said she is a customer at Park National Bank, the Duchess gas station and Hayman's Dairy Bar, and as a bank customer she tries to avoid using the drive-thru because of pulling out into three lanes. She said she learned through conversation with a Councilmember that the bank was already planning to move the ATM and the Duchess gas station will be minimally affected as well, but Hayman's Dairy Bar has been a staple in our community for decades and one of the few small businesses inside the Village. She said crossing at that intersection is already risky without adding a turn lane, and there is limited room for customers and parking without eliminating sidewalk space and parking spaces. She said a Councilmember told her that there were three reported accidents at that intersection from May 2021-May 2022. She said eliminating parking and having customers park along the street will increase that number. Ms. Klein said 224 signatures were collected of Village residents who are registered voters who oppose the turn lane.

Bob Hayman, Hayman's Dairy Bar, said he does not see an advantage to adding a turn lane at US 40 and High Street. He said we do not need a bunch of semis coming through town, and only delivery trucks need to be in town. Mayor Layton said the Village received a citizen complaint from someone with sight issues about the crosswalks at the intersection that direct people to the middle of the intersection. He said the Licking County Area Transportation Study (LCATS) did a study to see what would make the intersection safer. Mayor Layton said he does not see how adding a turn lane would increase truck traffic. Mr. Hayman said he has been watching his cameras for seven days and he has not seen any trucks turn the corner by the Dairy Bar but opening the intersection up will bring in more truck traffic. Mr. Hayman said no one talked to him in detail about the project and he was never invited to a meeting; he was only told that the Village is putting in a sidewalk. Mayor Layton said Mrs. Nicodemus told him she had discussed the project with him. He said there was discussion with Englefield Oil and Park National Bank because of issues with the location of their signs.

Joann Herd, 130 Hamilton Avenue, said she owns a full-size recreational vehicle, and she does not see a reason for a turn lane. She said she signed the petition because she thinks it will speed things up and she is worried about the safety of children. She said she is very concerned because Hayman's is a staple of this community, and she cares about this community.

Sandra Klein said she met with residents Jim & Cathy Morgan to discuss the proposed turn lane. She said Mr. Morgan is strictly against the turn lane and does not feel that it is a safer option for him. She read a statement from Mr. Morgan that said his only concern is about the angle of the crosswalks in the intersection. Mayor Layton said this project started because Mr. Morgan came to us with concerns about the intersection. He said that's why the Village asked LCATS to do the study, to determine what needs to be done to fix safety concerns in the intersection, and part of fixing the safety issues was to add a turn lane.

Priscilla Howell, 1105 Lake Forest Drive, said she has lived in Hebron, or close to it, for about 70 years. She said her daughter's first job was at Hayman's Dairy Bar. She said there are a lot of children, and seniors with vision and hearing issues. She said she does not feel the project is needed, and she sent emails to Councilmembers this weekend and signed the petition.

Janie Harris, 121 Dennison Street, asked if the proposal is complete. She asked if there is an option to have the crosswalks without the turn lane. Mayor Layton said he discussed options with LCATS and ODOT, and LCATS said this is a safety program and if one thing goes away, the funding goes away for the crosswalks and remaining parts of the project except for the paving. He said if the Village loses the funding, we will be responsible for repaying the money that has already been spent which adds up to about \$185,000, and the Village will lose about \$385,000 for the whole project.

Clifford Mason said he supports improving the intersection with the handicap accessibility issues, but he does not support the turn lane. He said many years ago, when THK came to Hebron, Governor Voinovich welcomed them and at that time, Mr. Mason asked him to build a bypass to get the semi traffic out of town, and it was done. Mr. Mason said he remembers when there were conversations about the Englefield Oil sign and the Village of Hebron made them put the sign where it is today. He said the Village worked for years to acquire the property at the corner of Main Street and High Street. He said the lot was bought with Village funds and taking away a portion of the property to put in a turn lane was never the intention. He said the Village should put signs up at both ends of High Street that say "No Trucks unless making a delivery", and enforce the law. Mayor Layton said there are signs on the bypass. He said there were signs on High Street, but they were moved to the bypass to try to catch the trucks before they got to High Street.

Joann Herd said LCATS saying they will pay for all or nothing feels like the Village is being blackmailed.

Steven Butsko, 112 W. Cumberland Street, said it is interesting to see comments from residents about the proposed project. He said he has lived in Hebron for 18 years. He said he pulled information from the Licking County Auditor site. He said there is approximately 10 feet from the eastern shoulder of the parking lot at Hayman's Dairy Bar to the end of the two parking spots the Village wants to remove for the project. He said a turn lane is approximately 10-11 feet wide. He said it appears the Village wants to remove parking spaces and put children and patrons at risk. He said when SR 70 is shut down for traffic issues and traffic is diverted through Hebron, the existing "No Trucks" signs don't work. He said the signs need to be enforced. He said he does not often see any other law enforcement vehicles besides Hebron Police. Mr. Butsko said when he sees semi traffic in town, his first thought is why are they coming down Cumberland Street? He said as he has listened to the comments of the people in the room, no one seems to support the project the Village is trying to do. He said he speaks for the others in the room when he says that if the project goes through, they will find out who voted for it and vote them out of office at election time. He said the elected officials are supposed to be here to speak for the citizens of the Village. Mayor Layton said Hayman's sidewalk is not going to change; the only changes will be to the corner that goes around to High Street as there is no proposed turn lane on that side. Mr. Butsko said if the radius of the corner is going to be cut back, that makes less room for customers.

Harold Winegardner, 117 Hamilton Ave, spent some time at the intersection today and did not see one semi. He said if the Village does this project, we will have semis avoiding SR 79 as they will want to avoid state troopers scales. He said he does not see a need for the proposed project and while trying to improve handicap accessibility, we will be putting others at risk. He suggested putting the project money where it counts, not on this.

Beth Walters, 212 Christopher Court, said next week Hebron New Life Church will be doing their part by putting up two signs that say "No semi parking". She said her husband spent 18 years on Hebron Council, and though he was at first opposed to the corner lot at first, once it was purchased, he was all-in on the green space. She said Mr. Walters wanted to be able to hold concerts at that lot and If the Village cuts down the green space, we can't make that happen. She said she has lived in Hebron all her life and she does not see the need for the project. Mrs. Walters said she has grandchildren that walk to the library and local businesses, and she is all about safety but her husband would not support this project.

Rick Stoner, 132 Hamilton Avenue, said he serves on the Hebron Planning & Zoning Committee and the American Legion, and has lived here for 44 years and he is a patron to all of the businesses that will be affected by this project. He said the people are here and your job is to listen to what the residents have to say.

Pam Friend, 708 W. Main St, asked if there was a safety study done for the downtown area. Mayor Layton said LCATS did a safety study. She asked if she can get a copy of it. Mayor Layton said he can request it from LCATS. She asked if a traffic impact study was done. Mayor Layton said he is not sure what all they did, but they used a drone to monitor traffic situations and he or she can request it from LCATS. Mr. Trujillo said he has a copy of an Area Transportation Study that he can provide, that addressed safety and pollution and that was how the Village got the funding. He said the traffic impact was a part of that study. Mrs. Friend asked if the \$1.2 Million for the project includes compensation to the businesses that will be affected by the taking of the land. Mr. Trujillo said yes. Mrs. Friend asked if the businesses have already agreed to this number. Mr. Trujillo said yes. Mr. Hayman said he didn't know anything about it. Mr. Trujillo said originally, the affected portion of the project area at Hayman's was paved and striped into the right of way. He said the area where the crosswalks are going will be closer to those two parking spaces. He said instead of keeping the one crossing per corner, there will be two crossings per corner so that they will align more closely to the corner, rather to the middle of the intersection, so we will be closing the area that is in the right of way because the vehicles that park there are pulling out into the crosswalk which is a danger for pedestrians. Mrs. Friend said the Village will still be taking part of Mr. Hayman's property. Mr. Trujillo said we will not be touching his property at all. Mayor Layton said Mr. Hayman does not own that property. Dr. Mockus said the sidewalk is going to come further around the corner which will impede the ability to use the first two parking spaces and while Mr. Hayman will still have that space, they will not be functional parking spaces. She said the change in the radius will mean cutting into the space, but that space, while we often use it, is not technically owned by Mr. Hayman. Mrs. Friend said her research of the Ohio Revised Code says when taking right of way, the owner still has to be compensated. Mayor Layton said if we are doing a project where we have to establish a right of way, then we do have to compensate the owner because they own the property. But when they built the road, they established the right of way so he does not own that property. Mrs. Friend said Mr. Hayman has the right to seek an attorney for compensation because he will lose two parking spaces, and income. She said she would like to see the studies. Mr. Trujillo said he will get them for her.

Rose Mason, 113 Dennison Street, said while at Park National Bank, she saw 5 little kids playing at the green space. She said putting in a turn lane will speed up traffic and people will be distracted while driving. She said Hebron had a tragic death of a child years ago, by a semi, and we don't need more.

Tom Marietta, 105 Parks Avenue, said he was a former Councilmember. He said maybe this meeting should have happened before LCATS got involved. He asked the Board to please listen to the residents of this community. He said the residents need to be involved and Council needs to be involved with the residents. He said the residents are saying this Village does not want this.

Harold Winegardner, 117 Hamilton Avenue, said a lot of opposition is being voiced tonight. He asked why this project can't go to a vote of the town instead of Council voting.

Dr. Mockus said Mr. Marietta's point was well taken. She said she wants to provide a timeline for the project.

She said June 21st was the first mention of possibly adding a turn lane to the paving project. She said in that meeting, Council asked if "No Thru Trucks" signs could just be placed on High Street and they questioned the cost of the project. The response was that the research was being done.

Dr. Mockus said on October 20th, Council asked for an update and were told that Village representatives met at the downtown intersection and observed a semi-truck making a right turn onto Main Street from High Street that hit the control box, and it was shared that a turn lane seemed like a good idea. Mayor Layton said once he had a plan and all the information, he would bring it to Council.

On November 10, Council asked for an update and Mayor Layton said they are getting cost information. Dr. Mockus said it is important to note that at this time, the Village has a first-time Mayor, first-time Administrator, and all new members of Council except for one. She said the Village Administrator said the design engineer informed him there is no real cost difference in putting in or taking out turn lanes. Dr. Mockus said at that time, Mrs. Porter stated that she did not feel the turn lane was a good idea, and if we just move the stop bar back, the cost of the project could be made much smaller. She said she can't imagine that the traffic is so great that we need to re-engineer the whole project. Mayor Layton said we will get the plans and bring them to Council.

Dr. Mockus said on November 23, a Village resident who is a State Highway Patrolman who specializes in the truck division came in and said as a resident, he is concerned, as the truck traffic has increased and it feels as though we have no enforcement. He said it doesn't make sense to him as there is no purpose for trucks to be here. He asked the Village to try to prevent trucks with signage, better enforcement and prevention. He said he felt adding a turn lane would encourage trucks to come into town, and called it insane.

On May 11, Dr. Mockus asked for an update on the project and Mayor Layton said he is looking for a final design and when he receives it he will see what makes sense.

Dr. Mockus said last month, plans were finally put in front of Council. She said in response to Mr. Marietta, Council has been asking. She apologized to citizens that it has gotten this far, and she is still trying to learn how to do this job and represent them. She said she will fight against the turn lane and to make sure that we do not sacrifice two parking spots for a beloved business in this town. She said no studies have been given to Council. She said she asked for the Engineer's presentation from last month to be distributed to Council and she received 2-3 pieces of paper that did not include most of what was presented. She said she asked for it a second time with no response, and then on her third request, she stated that she understands the Engineer is not going to comply with the request and she was asked not to communicate with the Engineer again. She said she feels we are in this position because we have moved forward on what may have been a great idea in the future if we need it, but right now, she does not want to be Etna. She said if the residents do not want to be Etna, they need to make sure their voice is heard, and there are Councilmembers who are listening.

Mrs. Stoner thanked everyone for showing up at this meeting and voicing their passion about the issue. She said she is not in favor of the turn lane, and she went around and asking residents how they felt about the turn lane and the businesses that will be affected. She said she has asked for more information, and to meet with the Engineer at SR 40 and High Street to discuss the project but it was never followed up on, and if it was, she was not invited.

Mrs. Porter said she appreciates everyone's interest in the project, and she thinks they will find that not all of Council is in favor of it. She said there are emotional and historical angles to the discussion this evening.

Mrs. Seymour said all Councilmembers are Hebron residents as well, and their families live here. She thanked everyone for their care and support, showing up, and caring about the community.

Mr. Nauer said he has been serving on Council for six months and he's learning a lot. He said it's important to look at all parts of the situation.

Mrs. Furbee read comments from an unnamed citizen online who asked why the Village is worried about a turn lane when there are not even turn lanes at US 40 and SR 37. They said the Village is asking for semis to come through town.

Mr. Nauer said he would like to table the discussion. Mayor Layton said he would like to explain the concerns to LCATS and see if there is a method to remove the turn lane from the project

without losing funding for the entire project, as the traffic lights are about 50 years old and the hope is to change out the traffic light poles to make the area look nicer.

Dr. Mockus moved to remove the turn lane and no longer retire the two parking spots and reduce the turn radius.

Mr. Friend said he has seen emails from ODOT District 5 that never mentioned a turn lane. Mrs. Friend said the email mentioned that the project is funded by LCATS but no turn lane was noted. Mr. Friend asked where the turn lane came from. Mayor Layton said it originated from the study that LCATS did. Mrs. Stoner seconded the motion.

Mayor Layton said he would like to go back to LCATS to see if some of the project can be saved. Dr. Mockus said she is not recommending that the paving, pedestrian crosswalk updates, or moving the lights and updating the traffic signals be removed from the project. She said she is specifying the areas of the project that she believes are problematic for the community and she wants a Council motion to support going back to the funders to discuss this, as she and others on Council have said this since last June. Mr. Trujillo said this will be all or nothing because according to LCATS, this would be a breach of the project scope and the Village would have to pay back the \$112,000 that has already been spent.

Mayor Layton asked Dr. Mockus if she will rescind her motion and direct him to go back to LCATS and negotiate taking parts of the project off the table. Dr. Mockus said if she modifies the motion to state that, and we are unable to do as her original motion stated, we need to kill the project. Mayor Layton said if that happens, we can do that at the next meeting.

Mrs. Porter asked about the time frame for the project. Dr. Mockus said she will not be present for the remaining July meetings and she wants to be here. She said she is fine with delaying further discussion until after July. Mr. Schwan said the project is a Fiscal Year 2024 project, which means that it can't be sold until after July 1, 2023, but the review process is under way and the right-of-way acquisition is necessary to begin the project. He said right now, we do not have authorization from ODOT to begin the acquisition.

Mayor Layton said he will talk to LCATS and then we can address it after Dr. Mockus is back from vacation. Dr. Mockus clarified that action will be delayed until Mayor Layton and Village representatives have the opportunity to meet with LCATS to see if we can get the requested modifications to the project so that we can still get funding to help pay for the modifications to the pedestrian crosswalks which she said really do need to happen as the current crosswalks send you to the center of the intersection. She said she thinks everyone can get behind the modifications that include moving back the traffic signal, changing the lights, and making improvements to the area. Mayor Layton said he makes no promises, but if he is told no he will ask what the next step is.

Dr. Mockus moved to table discussion about the proposed project at US 40 and High Street until the August 10, 2022 Council Meeting, second by Mr. Nauer. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Mrs. Porter said the delay is not due to disinterest, it is in the hopes to salvage some of the project.

Mrs. Walters asked if a motion could be made to direct Mayor Layton to take at least two Councilmembers with him to meet with LCATS so that Council is aware of what is going on. Dr. Mockus said she would like Mayor Layton to include at least two Councilmembers when he meets with LCATS; specifically Annelle or Stacy, as they have been proponents against the turn lane from the beginning. Mayor Layton agreed, and said he will take Mrs. Nicodemus as well.

Ms. Klein said while talking to members of the community, she was repeatedly asked where this information can be found. She said the minutes are posted at the Post Office and on the Village website and the topics are posted on Dr. Mockus' Facebook page. She said they asked if the Village can be more active on their Facebook page. She asked if it could be posted on the Village's Facebook that this discussion is tabled until August 10th. Mayor Layton said the minutes can be added to the Village Facebook page. Ms. Klein asked if a meeting reminder can be posted as well. Mayor Layton said yes that can be done.

Mr. Hayman thanked everyone for their support.

Tonya Jones, 121 Broadway Street said she moved to Hebron three years ago and fell in love with it. She said there is a semi-truck repair business and storage at 127 Basin Street. She said she has contacted Zoning and been told there is nothing that can be done. She said there are children riding bikes in the area and elderly walking , and semi trucks are getting stuck on small corners. She said a resident watched a semi get stuck for 50 minutes. She said she spoke to members of Council who had no idea this was happening. Ms. Jones said the residents have been unheard and her quality of life. along with the other residents on her street, has been shaken. She asked the residents to help support her.

Tom Marietta asked if the information from the LCATS meeting can be shared. Mayor Layton said as soon as he has some kind of answer, he will share it on the Village website, and possibly Facebook page. Mayor Layton said if anyone has any concerns, they are welcome to come talk to him and the public is always welcome to come to the public meetings.

LEGISLATION

Resolution 22-07 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR LICKING COUNTY & OTHERS, A SMALL MS4- Third Reading

Mrs. Seymour moved to adopt Resolution 22-07 as presented, seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

ORDINANCE 12-22- AN ORDINANCE TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE TRASH HAULING IN THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON TO ADKINS DISPOSAL SERVICE AND TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR SUCH SERVICE-Second Reading

RESOLUTION 22-08 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS RELATED TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021-First Reading

RESOLUTION 22-09- A JOINT RESOLUTION FOR THE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE REFUGEE CANYON JOINT FIRE DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON-First Reading

Mayor Layton said this legislation is presented as an emergency in order to have the tax information in place by August 1st.

Dr. Mockus moved to suspend the readings of Resolution 22-09, seconded by Mrs. Porter. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Dr. Mockus moved to adopt Resolution 22-09 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Porter. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

RESOLUTION 22-10- A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR AND LICKING COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION TO NOT LEVY OR OTHERWISE TO COLLECT THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON EXISTING FIRE LEVIES AT ZERO (0) MILLS FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR- First Reading

Mayor Layton said the Village is currently paying 6 mills. He said 3 mills go to the Township and they are planning on putting more on the ballot. Mayor Layton said the Village is going to take its millage off and conform its boundaries so we are no longer a part of Union Township and we will not have to pay their levies.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

June 2022 Bank Reconciliation

Mrs. Seymour moved to acknowledge receipt and review of the June 2022 Bank Reconciliation, seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

West Licking Fire District MOU

Mayor Layton said a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Hebron and the West Licking Joint Fire District was presented to Councilmembers. He said there were questions and corrections need to be made. He said the MOU will be brought back before Council at a later time.

Dr. Mockus moved to schedule a Special Council Meeting for Friday, July 15, 2022 at 4:00 pm to address a Memorandum of Understanding with the West Licking Fire District, second by Mr. Nauer. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Public-Private Partnership Proposal

Mayor Layton said Councilmembers received a copy of a proposed Public-Private Partnership with Licking County that will help determine what Licking County needs and wants from all perspectives. He said the Village's cost to be a member is \$3,000 and can be paid from ARPA funds.

Dr. Mockus moved to approve the expense of \$3,000 in ARPA funds to join a Public-Private Partnership with Licking County, seconded by Mrs. Porter. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Mayor Layton said he selected two residents to represent the Village. He said Mike McFarland and Rick Stoner have agreed to do it.

Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Layton said as discussed previously, Jim Lenner would be putting this together for the Village. Mr. Trujillo said ARPA funds can be utilized to update the Village's Comprehensive Plan. He said the last time the Village updated the plan was in 2008.

Dr. Mockus moved to approve the expense of \$22,500 from ARPA funds to enter into an agreement with Jim Lenner to update the Village of Hebron Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Trujillo said it has been a busy couple of weeks. He thanked all who attended the employee luncheon and said there will be at least one more. He said the date and time will be sent out once decided.

Mr. Trujillo said a property on W. Main Street and a property on Canal Road are being examined for potential housing developments of single-family homes. Dr. Mockus said when Hebron zoning was modified, zoning for condominiums was removed because the Village does not typically utilize that. She asked if that can be analyzed in the comprehensive plan to make sure that was the best course of action. Mr. Trujillo said absolutely and before it is finalized, all of Council will be given the opportunity to say what they would like to be included in the Comprehensive Plan and see how it ties into the zoning.

Mrs. Porter said she would like to see consideration given to housing aimed for the elderly population, not family oriented. Mayor Layton said there will be a plan development which will include a mixture of housing options and they are attempting to avoid multiple-apartment complexes.

Mr. Trujillo said they have asked everyone they have talked to, to come up with a concept design to show Council before those decisions are made. Dr. Mockus asked if Councilmembers can be included in the discussions and address other spaces that are having those issues. Mr. Trujillo said receiving the plan information about projected development relative to growth from Intel will be a good tool to see, investigate and discuss.

Mrs. Porter added that it would be interesting if the Village has the courage to keep some of the land as is, in the name of preservation. Mayor Layton said these corporations are now building greenspace into their plans.

COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORTS

Mrs. Seymour said there is a lot going on lately and Council is trying to do their best.

Dr. Mockus asked if there is an appetite to provide funding to Firefighters who are moving to the West Licking Fire District, to pay for training so they will remain on staff. Mayor Layton said West Licking is going to do that. He said nobody that is a non-EMT has applied to be on staff with them.

Dr. Mockus said there are trailers on Broad Street that have gone downhill, especially the most visible one on the corner that has gone downhill quite a bit. She said she got an email from a

resident who lives across the street. The land has changed hands three times in the last 5 years. The trailers have not changed hands. She asked if there is any legal counsel that we can find to address this. Mrs. Nicodemus said they are on the Exterior Property Maintenance Code list and the owners are in the process of remodeling it. There was some discussion about the condition of the trailers, the process of getting them fixed, and the Village's options.

Mrs. Nicodemus said when the Village did the Comprehensive Plan in 2008, the community was involved in several public meetings. Mayor Layton said when Mr. Lenner gets the proposal finished, we will involve the community.

Dr. Mockus asked if Structure Lite, Molding Technologies and Dollar General mowing and trimming issues are on the Exterior Property Maintenance radar. Mrs. Nicodemus said a first notice was given to Molding Technologies, combined with pretreatment violations and a second notice will be given. Dr. Mockus asked that Council be kept up to date on the progress. Mrs. Nicodemus said the car lot was written up and she took Zoning Assistant Bonnie Miller with her to inspect the property.

Dr. Mockus said residents are asking what the Village is doing about flooding. She said the Village needs to tell people about the things that are being done, even the small jobs. She suggested posting and reposting, and frequently reminding and informing the citizens what is being done and what was accomplished. Mr. Trujillo said the Village is starting to hang door hangers as well, to keep people informed.

Dr. Mockus said a sign beside a tree that was planted in memory of previous Councilmember Pam DeVaul needs to be replaced. She said a nice new sign that will weather well in the elements is needed. Mrs. Furbee said she contacted Public Works Superintendent Cliff Ward and he is working on replacing the sign.

Mrs. Stoner said numerous residents on Hamilton Avenue asked what was going on in that area. Mayor Layton said they were looking at the drainage and sidewalks in the area. Mayor Layton said the Public Works Superintendent is somewhat new and wasn't aware of the need to hang door hangers to inform the residents.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT- Police

Chief Brooks said he heard a comment about multiple enforcement agencies running around in Hebron. He said he is proud of that, and we want as many people in the area as possible.

Chief Brooks said a new cruiser was ordered in January. He said he received an email that said the car was being started at the end of June.

He said a lot of information is being gathered by the Speed signs. They are getting ready to move them to the west end and the north end. He said the numbers aren't fluctuating a lot and reflect that there is not a lot of speeding in town.

Chief Brooks said Officer Nethers has been deployed for at least a year. Officer Raaker got a fulltime job with a Columbus Fire Department and wants to continue part-time with Hebron Police Department. He said the Police Department will be going through the hiring process to replace the fulltime position.

Chief Brooks provided some updates on recent crimes in the area. He said there have been 188 citations, 207 warnings, and 116 criminal case investigations so far this year. He said theft is the number one case every year.

Chief Brooks said the Hebron Police Department is currently getting estimates to replace the carpet in their offices.

He said a representative came to discuss flock cameras. He said these cameras have license plate readers that can inform the Police if the registered owner of a car has a criminal warrant. He said the cost is \$2500 per camera, per year. He said he will bring more information to council to possibly consider for next year's budget.

Mr. Marietta said there was a vehicle on Dennison Street that went up into the grass, past the signs, onto East Cumberland Street. He suggested putting in two more posts at the dead end of the street.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Layton said he went to a Grow Licking County meeting. They are overwhelmed and trying to hire someone for marketing.

He said he attended the last LCATS meeting; there is a lot going on.

Mike McFarland suggested considering a portable ice skating rink to place at the basketball court at Evans Park.

He thanked all for their service to the community.

He said as we plan for Intel to come to the area, he hopes the Village would reach out to other communities to discuss possible impacts. He said it would be good to find a way to welcome who we want but not load the cost of new developments on those that are already here.

Mr. Wolf asked Chief Brooks how long it will be until the Police Department needs to order another car. Chief Brooks said there is no way to determine that. He said they will need one next year and if Council wants him to look at the budget to try to work it in, he can. Mr. Wolf said he thinks it would be wise to do so.

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

July 20, 2022-6pm, Combined Council Committees Meeting, Council Chambers

July 26, 2022-6:30pm, S. Licking Watershed District Meeting, Council Chambers

July 27, 2022-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers

August 1, 2022- 6:30pm, Planning & Zoning Meeting, Council Chambers

August 10, 2022-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers

August 17, 2022-6pm, Combined Council Committees Meeting, Council Chambers

August 23, 2022-6:30pm, S. Licking Watershed District Meeting, Council Chambers

August 24, 2022-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers

ADJOURN

Mr. Wolf moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm, seconded by Dr. Mockus. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

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James Layton, Mayor

Attest:

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Deborah Morgan, Village Fiscal Officer