

**VILLAGE OF HEBRON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 26, 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, Paige Seymour, Kenney Nauer, and Randy Wolf.

Others in attendance: Mayor James Layton, Village Solicitor Wesley K. Untied, Village Fiscal Officer Deborah Morgan, and Tax Administrator Mindy Kester.

Visitors in attendance: Attorney Ben Albrecht,

Remote Visitors: Zoning Assistant Bonnie Miller and Clerk of Council/ Administrative Assistant Christina Furbee

**ACKNOWLEDGE VISITORS**

Mayor Layton acknowledged the visitors in attendance and said there will be an opportunity to speak during the meeting if they wish.

**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**

10-12-22 Council Meeting

Mrs. Porter moved to approve the October 12, 2022 Council Meeting minutes as presented, second by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

10-19-2022 Combined Council Committees Meeting

Mrs. Porter moved to approve the October 19, 2022 Combined Council Committees Meeting minutes as presented, second by Mrs. Seymour. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

10-24-2022 Special Council Meeting

Dr. Mockus moved to approve the October 24, 2022 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented, second by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

None

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS- Tax Administrator**

Tax Administrator Mindy Kester said income tax revenues are currently over 2.3 million for the year and if it continues, she expects to exceed the amount of revenue for 2021. Mrs. Kester said she is currently processing taxes that were filed with an extension. She said it has been a busy year.

## **LEGISLATION**

**ORDINANCE 21-22-** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE ZONING MAP TO INCLUDE NEWLY ANNEXED PARCELS 078-329550-00.001, 078329550-00.002, 073-329550-00.002 AND 073-335640-00.000 AND TO ESTABLISH ZONING FOR SAID PARCELS- **Third Reading**

Mrs. Seymour moved to approve Ordinance 21-22 as presented, seconded by Dr. Mockus. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers present voting in favor.

**ORDINANCE 22-22-** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING DESIGNATION FOR PARCEL 075-344898-00.000 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS NATIONAL ROAD HEBRON OHIO 43025- **Second Reading**

**ORDINANCE 23-22-** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS- **Second Reading**

**ORDINANCE 25-22-** AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023-**First Reading**

**RESOLUTION 22-14-** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF HEBRON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW DIRECTOR FOR NEWARK, OHIO FOR PROSECUTION OF MISDEMEANORS- **Second Reading**

**RESOLUTION 22-15-** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF HEBRON TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DAVID MOSER ATTORNEY FOR FISHEL, DOWNEY, ALBRECHT, & RIEPENHOFF LAW FIRM FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT- **Second Reading**

## **COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

### Waterline Extension

Mrs. Seymour moved to direct the Village Solicitor to draft emergency legislation to pay ODOT \$815,000 for the Waterline Extension project, seconded by Mr. Wolf. Dr. Mockus said she asked the Village engineering company for a Return On Investment (ROI) document and she was told it would be ready for this meeting. Mayor Layton said he tried to reach Mr. Coghlan today but was unsuccessful. He said he will follow up on it and his intent is to have it to Council by Friday. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers present voting in favor.

### Solicitor Services

Village Solicitor Wesley Untied said the Village typically addresses service contracts at the end of each year. He said he believes the contract legislation will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

Dr. Mockus asked if anything needs to be done to modify the Solicitor's rate of pay for 2023. Mrs. Morgan said that could be done by separate legislation when the Village employees' pay is increased.

### Property/Casualty Insurance

Village Fiscal Officer Deborah Morgan said at the Combined Council Committees Meeting, she discussed the proposed renewal rates from Rinehart, Walters, Danner and Associates and recommended Council move forward with their proposal for 2023.

Dr. Mockus moved to approve renewing the Village Property & Casualty Insurance with Rinehart, Walters, Danner and Associates for 2023, seconded by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers present voting in favor.

### Pretreatment and Sewer Use Regulations

Mayor Layton said he believes information from Attorney Jarod Rose was forwarded to Council regarding Pretreatment and Sewer Use Regulations. He said Council will need to look it over and make sure it meets the Village's standards and then direct the Village Solicitor to draft the appropriate legislation.

### Christmas Tree Lighting

Mayor Layton said Santa called to see if the Village is interested in having him come for a visit again this year. Mayor Layton asked if Council is interested in having a tree lighting with Santa again on the lot at the corner of Main and High Streets. There was some discussion about dates for the event.

Mrs. Porter moved to hold a tree lighting event with Santa on the Village Corner Lot on December 7, 2022 at 6pm, seconded by Dr. Mockus. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers present voting in favor.

### Personnel Matter

Dr. Mockus moved to go into Executive Session per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 at 6:14pm to consider the employment, dismissal or discipline of a public employee, seconded by Mrs. Seymour. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers present voting in favor.

Dr. Mockus moved to reconvene from Executive Session at 6:41pm, seconded by Mrs. Porter. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers present voting in favor.

Dr. Mockus moved to authorize Mayor Layton to enter into a separation agreement with Mr. John Trujillo, seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers present voting in favor.

## **COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORTS**

Mr. Wolf said the Open House at the Fire Station went well. He said he thinks the Fire service now is over and above what the Village previously had. Mayor Layton asked if the Village could get a run report. Mr. Wolf said he will make a note to get that. Dr. Mockus said she thinks that information will be important, at least for awhile, to see where we are with the transition to the West Licking Fire District. Mayor Layton said it would be good information to put on the Village website page. Mrs. Porter said she is impressed with the Fire District. Dr. Mockus thanked all who attended the Open House.

Dr. Mockus asked if West Licking Fire District is concerned about passing the levy. Mr. Wolf said he has not heard anything about it.

Mrs. Stoner said she was impressed with the Open House at the Fire Station. She said the firemen seemed to all get along. She said they answered all of their questions and it was very informative.

Dr. Mockus asked if anyone would be attending the Lakewood event on Monday to talk with students about city building. Mayor Layton said he plans to attend. Mrs. Seymour said she cannot attend but will email back her answers to the proposed questions.

There was some discussion about possibly holding community Open Houses at Village facilities in the Spring.

Mr. Nauer said he spoke to Water Reclamation Superintendent Tom Coleman about safety issues. He said Mr. Wolf, Public Works Superintendent CJ Ward, Mr. Coghlan of V3 Companies and he visited E. Cumberland Street to look at the sidewalk situation. He said he thinks they have something figured out.

Mayor Layton said the Licking County Chamber of Commerce sent an email about a Licking County Safety Council meeting if anyone is interested in attending. Dr. Mockus said this meeting is on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-1pm.

Mrs. Porter said she talked to CJ about Christmas decorations for throughout the Village. She said the cost for new decorations is expensive so the Public Works department is undertaking a yeoman’s job to refurbish the existing decorations.

Mrs. Porter said she was approached by a resident who is upset by people who do not clean up after their dogs. She said she is not aware if the Village has an ordinance enforcing the clean-up of pets. Mayor Layton suggested having the resident reach out to the Health Department. The Humane Society and the Refugee-Canyon Veterinary office were mentioned for issues with cats.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Layton said he will forward information to Council about various trainings and meetings as he receives them.

Mrs. Porter said Mr. Ward has successfully completed a stormwater training and received a certificate. She said she called him to congratulate him. She said it may be appropriate to send staff members, instead of Department Heads, to some of these trainings.

**REVIEW OF EXPENSES**

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

**MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE**

- October 27, 2022 5:30 to 7pm, Village of Hebron Trick-or-Treat
- November 9, 2022 6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers
- November 7, 2022 6pm, Planning & Zoning Meeting, Council Chambers
- November 11, 2022, CLOSED for Veteran’s Day
- November 16, 2022 6pm, Combined Council Committees Meeting, Council Chambers

Mayor Layton invited everyone to the Veterans Day ceremony at Evans Park on November 11th at 11am. Mrs. Porter said the monument at Evans Park and is still in good shape. She said she is amazed that there has been no vandalism.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Dr. Mockus moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm, seconded by Mr. Wolf. 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