

**VILLAGE OF HEBRON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2023
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 Valerie Mockus, Councilmembers Stacy Stoner, Annelle Porter, Kenney Nauer, Paige Seymour, and Randy Wolf.

Others in attendance: Mayor James Layton, Village Fiscal Officer/Interim Administrator Deborah Morgan, Village Solicitor Wesley K. Untied, Attorney Jarod Rose, Police Chief Larry Brooks, Police Sergeant Anthony Oliver, and Clerk of Council/Administrative Assistant Christina Furbee.

Others in attendance remotely: None

Visitors in attendance: Sid Janga, Joe Strong, Chad Weseu, Jill Tangeman, Hayley Feightner, Alexis Fitzsimmons, Sandra Ambris, and one other.

ACKNOWLEDGE VISITORS

Mayor Layton acknowledged the visitors in attendance.

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 28, 2023 Council Meeting

Mr. Wolf moved to approve the June 28, 2023 Council Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor, except Dr. Mockus and Mr. Wolf who abstained.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT- Police

Chief Brooks discussed the monthly run report and reports generated by speed signs. He said there have been multiple records of vehicles speeding on Enterprise Drive in a 35mph zone. Mayor Layton noted speeding on W. Main Street. He said there has been some question about possibly removing the traffic light at 8th and Main Streets, but he feels the light helps slow down traffic.

Chief Brooks said there was a stabbing at the Hebron Kroger resulting from a custody exchange. He said there was also a robbery at Kroger, and the Police Department has been dealing with a couple child abuse cases.

Chief Brooks said the software for Flock cameras has been installed and officers have been trained, but they are waiting for the Ohio Department of Transportation to give permission for the cameras to be installed. Chief Brooks said the Hebron Police Department has solved two crimes using flock cameras in other communities.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Executive Session-Grow Licking County

Dr. Mockus moved to go into Executive Session at 6:14pm to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(8)(1), seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Mrs. Porter moved to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:30pm, seconded by Mrs. Seymour. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 23-05- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL *ELECTRICITY* AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS- **Third Reading**

Mr. Nauer moved to adopt Resolution 23-05 as presented, seconded by Dr. Mockus. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

RESOLUTION 23-06- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL *NATURAL GAS* AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS-**Third Reading**

Mrs. Seymour moved to adopt Resolution 23-06 as presented, seconded by Dr. Mockus. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

June 2023 Bank Reconciliation

Dr. Mockus moved to acknowledge receipt and review of the June 30, 2023 Bank Reconciliation, seconded by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Morgan provided an update on interest earned for the Village. She said the Village remained with Park National Bank when interest rates dropped during the Covid-19 Pandemic. She said she moved the majority of the Sweep account money into a new account that earned more interest. She said last month, the Village earned a total of \$33,702.63 in interest. The interest earned for the full year of 2022 was \$104,298.34, and the 2023 interest to date is \$190,831.84. Mrs. Seymour asked if Mrs. Morgan has an estimate of the amount of interest earned before the pandemic. Mrs. Morgan said she switched things around in 2015 and began bringing in about \$25,000 a month versus the previous \$900 or so a month, until it dropped back down during the pandemic-and now we are back to making over the amount we were making before. Mrs. Morgan said the Village is operating in line with the appropriations set for the first half of the year, and the revenue is maintaining.

Mrs. Morgan said she started compiling a list of things she wants to start working on before she steps out of her Interim Administrator role. She said she wants to update the water bylaws, the backflow/cross connection guidelines, construction and materials guidelines and specifications, and Village Standard

Operating Procedures. She said she would also like to look at the possibility of having someone cover field supervision and construction management for new developments.

Mrs. Morgan said she will be out of the office tomorrow, Friday and Monday, using some vacation time.

COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORTS

Mrs. Seymour said will not be present for the July 26th Council Meeting.

Dr. Mockus said she received feedback that the weeds in the back of the Firehouse were trimmed and the resident was grateful. Mrs. Morgan said the Public Works staff were there in less than 24 hours of receiving the message and Mr. Wolf said the Fire District was going to power wash the back of the building the next day.

Dr. Mockus thanked Mrs. Morgan for ordering Village of Hebron clothing for Councilmembers.

Dr. Mockus asked for an update on the Army Corp of Engineers' involvement with flooding in the Village. Mrs. Morgan said a meeting was held with the Army Corp of Engineers. She said they approved the flood study and will hopefully move forward with creating a diversion channel. She said the discussion and meetings have helped bring the flooding issues and the Village's needs to light.

Dr. Mockus asked for an update on a bulk water agreement with Licking County. Mayor Layton said Water Superintendent Jason Figgins is reviewing the preliminary agreement. Mayor Layton said he talked to Commissioner Bubba about it the other day. He said he will send the agreement to Council after Mr. Figgins finishes his review. He said the agreement states that Licking County's rate will stay the same unless we raise our rate, and in that case, we would raise the County's rate by 50%.

Mrs. Stoner thanked Mrs. Furbee for putting information about the draft 2023 Comprehensive Plan on the Village Facebook page. Mrs. Furbee said any comments on the post will be forwarded to Mr. Lenner. Mayor Layton said a public meeting will be held to allow public input.

Mr. Wolf said the next Fire District meeting is tomorrow night at 7pm in Pataskala. He said he will send the run report to Council when he receives it.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Layton said he attended a Licking County Area Transportation (LCATS) meeting and a Grow Licking County meeting. He said LCATS is expanding their area of influence into the Thornville area and partnering with MORPC for some projects.

Mayor Layton said the new public bus route in Newark brought in 50 riders on the first day.

Dr. Mockus said Utility Billing Coordinator Kellsei Boyce's last day will be this Friday and she understands Administration had a lunch for her on Monday. She said she would like to do something for her as well, and extended the invitation to anyone who may be interested. Mayor Layton Ms. Boyce has been a good employee.

VISITOR COMMENTS

None

REVIEW OF EXPENSES

Council reviewed the current expenditures. There were no questions regarding the expenses.

Mr. Untied reminded the Clerk of Council that the legislation that passed tonight needs to be forwarded to the Licking County Board of Elections.

Mrs. Seymour asked if golf carts and side by sides will be discussed at the next Combined Council Committees Meeting. Mrs. Morgan said that is correct and Chief Brooks will attend the meeting as well.

MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE

July 19, 2023-6pm, Combined Council Committees Meeting, Council Chambers

July 26, 2023-6pm, Council Meeting

July 30, 2023-11:30am, Fellowship Friday luncheon, Municipal Complex

August 7, 2023-6:30pm, Planning & Zoning Meeting, Council Chambers

August 9, 2023-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers

August 16, 2023-6pm, Combined Council Committees Meeting, Council Chambers

August 23, 2023-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers

ADJOURN

Mrs. Stoner moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm, 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:

____ on file _____
Deborah Morgan, Village Fiscal Officer