

VILLAGE OF HEBRON

COMBINED COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2022

6:00 pm

This meeting was held both remotely and in person.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor James Layton asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, and to remain standing for a moment of silence for Gerald "Jerry" Burkart who recently passed away.

Roll Call

Councilmembers in attendance: Council President Dr. Valerie Mockus, Councilmembers Annelle Porter, Paige Seymour, Kenney Nauer, and Stacy Stoner. Mayor Layton said Councilmember Rich Moore was excused from this meeting.

Others in attendance: Mayor James Layton, Police Chief Larry Brooks, Police Sergeant Anthony Oliver, Clerk of Council/Administrative Assistant Christina Furbee.

Others in attendance remotely: Village Fiscal Officer Deborah Morgan.

Visitors: None

Visitor Comments

None

Pending Legislation

ORDINANCE 01-22- AN ORDINANCE CREATING AN ADDITIONAL PAID PERSONAL DAY FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES-
Second Reading

Committees:

Finance/Audit (*Valerie Mockus-Chair, Stacy Stoner, Rich Moore*)

Council President Mockus asked what plans the Village has to help address flooding issues at 910 and 904 West Main Street. Mayor Layton said the Ohio Department of Transportation put a drain in the front, and the Village is going to put a drain in the back, on Cully Street, when we get EPA approval. He said a Hydrologic and Hydraulic study found that on one side of the culvert, the floodplain went down 2 feet, and the other side went up 1 inch. He said the culvert that was there before was holding the water back because it was not big enough, and the Village paid additional money to make the culvert sized to withstand a 100-year rain event.

Dr. Mockus asked if the Village will have funding for business cards, name tags, etc for new members. Mayor Layton said funding is available.

Mayor Layton asked if everyone has seen Village Fiscal Officer Morgan's year-end report. Councilmembers said they have seen it. Mayor Layton said the report was well done and contained a lot of good information.

Safety (*Kenney Nauer-Chair, Rich Moore, Paige Seymour*)

Mayor Layton said Councilmember Nauer had some good suggestions about snow plowing.

Mr. Nauer said he spoke to Water Reclamation Superintendent Tom Coleman who said the Village received a 6' ditch box and will be able to put it to good use.

Police Department Annual Report

Police Chief Larry Brooks presented the 2021 Annual Police report and said he's here to answer any questions Council may have. Mayor Layton said the reports he got this year are full of very good information. Chief Brooks said use of force reports dropped significantly, and he attributes it to having a full staff and officer presence. Chief Brooks said the Hebron Police Department got a lot of nice equipment in 2021 such as thermal imaging equipment. Chief Brooks said theft is typically the highest type of offense, and that is still true this year.

Dr. Mockus said demographics by age was not included in the Police Department report. She asked that it be included in next year's report.

Mrs. Stoner said it looks as though warnings for the month of December were way up. Chief Brooks said the reported number looks like a typo.

Mrs. Seymour asked for an update about the data collected from the new speed sign. Chief Brooks said the sign has a 1200' range and collects data from both signs of the road. He said 136,317 vehicles were measured in the December 14-January 10 time frame. Of the incoming vehicles, 68,920 registered as driving below 40 mph. Chief Brooks listed the small percentages of vehicles driving at higher rates of speed and said it is quite possible that the higher speed vehicles could have been safety vehicles. Chief Brooks also discussed data from outgoing vehicles driving past the speed sign.

There was some discussion about upcoming plans for placement of speed signs and gathering more information.

Public Works/Utility Services *(Annelle Porter-Chair, Kenney Nauer, Paige Seymour)*

Mayor Layton said Cliff (CJ) Ward was hired as Superintendent of the Public Works Department. He said interviews will be held for the open Operator II position.

Planning & Visioning *(Stacy Stoner-Chair, Valerie Mockus, Annelle Porter)*

Mrs. Stoner said Dr. Mockus sent her a list of issues that Council previously scored for priority to address. She said she will review the list. Mayor Layton said he talked to the Director of Grow Licking County, and he will discuss the list with her, and with Jim Lenner as well. He said the Village has been applying for grants and funding but it seems we aren't getting our fair share, so Mr. Lenner is putting together a proposal for the Village, and he is going to meet with Licking County to discuss it.

Mayor Layton said Licking County is trying to establish what areas have water, who can provide water, and the process to make it happen. He said the Village is looking to extend water lines west of the Village, and Licking County wants to make a long term agreement for water east of the Village.

Mayor Layton said he has been attending Fire District meetings. He said Granville Township has agreed to provide mutual aid to the Northern portion of Union Township until mid-April. He said at the last Fire District meeting, he said we need to get a good Fire District in place and move forward. He asked if the current fire levies are due next year. Mrs. Morgan said she will look into it and let him know. Mrs. Porter said the next elections are May 3rd and if the Fire District wants to put a levy on the ballot, it needs to be in 30 days before the election. Mayor Layton wondered if Fall may be better. He said the Fire District needs to go out into the neighborhoods and tell everyone

what it's all about. He said one of the new trustees suggested putting a citizen's group together to see what everyone wants.

Mayor Layton said if the Township doesn't want to create a Joint Economic Development District, he still wants to do the Water Line West. He listed reasons why he feels this project would be beneficial.

Dr. Mockus said she is aware there is money coming in to assist with cleaning up brownfields. She asked if Hebron has any brownfields. Mayor Layton said he can think of one property that may be a brownfield.

Other Items not listed

Library Lease

Mayor Layton said a copy of the current signed lease has been provided to Councilmembers for review, to consider renewal.

Humane Society MOU

Mayor Layton provided a copy of a letter from the Licking County Humane Society and a proposed Memorandum of Understanding. He said the cost for services is going up by \$25/month. Chief Brooks said the Village is not equipped to go into many of the situations they are called on, so they very much appreciate the agreement with the Humane Society.

Open Discussion

Dr. Mockus moved to go into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official at 6:51pm, second by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Dr. Mockus moved to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:15pm, second by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Visitor Comments

None

Adjourn

Mrs. Porter moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm, second by Dr. Mockus. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

_____(on file)_____
Mayor James Layton

Attest:

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Deborah Morgan, Village Fiscal Officer