

VILLAGE OF HEBRON

COMBINED COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2023

6:00 pm

This meeting was held both remotely and in person.

Call to Order

Interim Village Administrator/Fiscal Officer Deborah Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Morgan asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Others in attendance: Mayor James Layton, Interim Village Administrator/Fiscal Officer Deborah Morgan, and Clerk of Council/Administrative Assistant Christina Furbee.

Others in attendance remotely: None

Visitors: Tim Kerns, Nancy Millar, Andrea Chapman

Visitor Comments

None

Pending Legislation

Mrs. Morgan read the titles of pending legislation to be presented at the next Council Meeting.

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- **Second**

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-**Second Reading**

RESOLUTION 23-08-A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DREAM EXCAVATING & PAVING, LLC FOR MISCELLANEOUS PAVING PROJECTS IN 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY-**First Reading**

Committees:

Finance - *(Dr. Valerie Mockus-Chair, Randy Wolf, Stacy Stoner)*

Mrs. Morgan reported the current appropriations and revenue are doing well.

Economic Development-*(Stacy Stoner-Chair, Randy Wolf, Paige Seymour)*

Mrs. Stoner said the Hebron Comprehensive Plan meeting was held last night and it went well. She said Mr. Lenner will put together a draft to review and will make it public for the residents' review and input. Mayor Layton asked when a public meeting will be held. Mrs. Morgan said a date and time will need to be set.

Police Committee-*(Paige Seymour-Chair, Annelle Porter, Dr. Valerie Mockus)*

None

Water, Wastewater Committee *-(Kenney Nauer-Chair, Annelle Porter, Paige Seymour)*

Licking County Water

Mayor Layton said he sent a copy of the proposed Licking County Water contract to Councilmembers. He said Attorney Rose is going through the process of reviewing the contract and some discussion will need to take place. He said the contract is a 10-year agreement with basically the same numbers Council previously discussed.

Waterline to Canyon Road Resident

Mrs. Morgan said as discussed at a previous meeting, Mr. Kerns, who is building a home on Canyon Road, has requested the Village consider a contract with him that will exclude him from having to tap into a water line if it is extended in his direction, as he will be installing a well. Deb said she invited him to attend this meeting to answer any questions.

Mr. Tim Kerns, 821 S. Carrol Dr, Santa Claus, Indiana said he is getting ready to build a house on Canyon Road and install a well and septic system. He asked that the Village consider drawing up an agreement that would not force him to tie into Village water if he installs the system.

Mrs. Morgan said at the previous meeting, Mrs. Seymour mentioned that she spoke to the previous Community Development Coordinator and learned that there had been some past discussion about applying for a variance for this item. Mrs. Morgan said in March of 1999, the subject was discussed for 8567 Canyon Road and the homeowner at that time did apply for a variance to install a private well and septic system with no sidewalks at the time.

She said the variance was granted to install a private well and septic system with the stipulation that this would end and they would tie into public water and sewer when they come within 200 feet of the property line, within one year. The Village then passed an ordinance in September 2000 to require anyone within the corporation limit to tie in to the public water line if it is available to them.

Mrs. Morgan said she believes this is a Council action item, not a Planning & Zoning item. Mayor Layton said he is not opposed to entering into at least a 7-year agreement. Mrs. Morgan said the letter from the Planning & Zoning Board in 1999 said "as part of the application approval, Mr. Burkhardt will be requested to sign a document stating that he, or any future owner of the lot, will discontinue use of a private well and septic system and will connect with public water and sanitary sewer services when they come within 200 feet of this property line." She said though she is not in possession of the original document, the Planning & Zoning Board letter states that the document is attached to the property's deed. Mr. Kerns said this would have applied to the property before it was split and 8561 Canyon Road was created.

Councilmembers indicated they are agreeable to a 7-year agreement. This item will be added to the next Council Meeting agenda.

Parks, Recreation, Public Works Committee-(*Annelle Porter-Chair, Kenney Nauer, Dr. Valerie Mockus*)

Mrs. Morgan provided updates for the Public Works Department.

She said she reached out to the Crossroads Manor Regional Manager and told him the repairs he said had been made are inadequate. The Manager said the quote for the materials and repairs is well over \$200,000 and they do not have the funds to cover the cost. He asked if the Village has contacts to look for grants to help pay for the repairs. Mrs. Morgan said she told him to try contacting the Licking County Aging Program. In the meantime, he will try to at least do some patch work. Mrs. Morgan said it is private property but she is trying to get them to work on the issues.

Mrs. Morgan said Mr. Ward has made numerous calls attempting to get a guardrail on the corner of Refugee and Canyon Road fixed. She said she sent a report to the trucking company that caused the damage and spoke to someone at the insurance company who is sending the information to the trucking company, as they are responsible for the damage. Mrs. Morgan said she will keep on top of it and in the meantime, she is trying to find a company that will fix the guardrail.

Mrs. Morgan said she has had some correspondence with the Licking County Emergency Management Agency about issues Mr. Wolf previously reported with the tornado siren in the Village. She said Public Works Superintendent Cliff Ward timed the siren to see how long it ran, and said it ran for exactly 3 minutes. Mr. Ward sent an email to Mr. Grady at the EMA and his response was that it will run for three minutes unless they send stop tones to end the siren. He said this is normal and the Village does not need to do anything.

Mrs. Porter mentioned issues with groundhogs in the cemetery. Mrs. Morgan said groundhog repellent has been purchased and utilized.

Mrs. Morgan said the 5500 dump truck that was ordered for the Public Works Department had a recall and the parts were expected to come in today, so they will hopefully have a delivery date soon.

Mrs. Porter said a resident noted the issue with the flowers in the downtown area, but it appears the problem has been resolved. Mrs. Morgan said the Public Works staff was watering the flowers regularly. They noticed right away that some of the flowers were dying. They took them to Wilsons Garden Center and they were going to look into it. She said Wilson's thought there could have been an insecticide or poison applied to one side of each basket. Mrs. Porter commended both the Public Works Department and Wilson's for their efforts to resolve the problem.

Mr. Nauer asked if the Public Works Department sprayed for mosquitos last week. He said someone said they did not see a truck at the Public Works Department the evening they were supposed to spray. Mayor Layton said he heard them go by his house and he is sure they did spray for mosquitos.

Nancy Millar, 8561 Canyon Road, asked if the Village has plans to run water to her area. Mrs. Morgan said there are no current plans to do so. Mayor Layton said it would be extremely expensive to run water lines out there. Ms. Millar said she has been hoping to have water out there.

Personnel, Annexation, Insurance Committee-(Randy Wolf-Chair, Stacy Stoner, Kenney Nauer)

Mrs. Morgan said the Village is in the process of setting up interviews for the Village Administrator position on July 6th.

Mayor Layton asked when will the employee health insurance discussion will take place. Mrs. Morgan said that discussion usually begins in October when the new rates come out

Mr. Wolf informed Council about the Licking Memorial Hospital *For Your Health* 5k run/walk on July 22nd. Mrs. Furbee said she will inform employees as well.

Other Items not listed

Mayor Layton said the Comprehensive Plan is going to be a good tool for Hebron.

Mayor Layton said he wants to put a Police levy on the ballot. Mrs. Morgan said she believes the deadline to submit all of the required information to the Board of Elections for the November election is August 5th but a couple pieces of legislation will need to be passed first, so it may not be possible for the November ballot. Mayor Layton said maybe it could be placed on the ballot in May. He said a levy would help the general fund considerably. There was some discussion about a replacement levy vs a renewal levy. Mrs. Morgan said it would be more advantageous for the Village to do a replacement levy, but it would be more cost for the residents.

Open Discussion

None

Visitor Comments

None

Adjourn

Mrs. Seymour moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm, second by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

_____ on file _____
Mayor James Layton

Attest:

_____ (on file) _____
Deborah Morgan, Village Fiscal Officer