

VILLAGE OF HEBRON

COMBINED COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2022

6:00 pm

This meeting was held both remotely and in person.

Pledge of Allegiance

Village Administrator John Trujillo asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing to remember Annette Price and Ray Young who recently passed away.

Roll Call

Councilmembers in attendance: Councilmembers Stacy Stoner, Paige Seymour, Kenney Nauer, Rich Moore and Annette Porter. Mr. Trujillo said Council President Valerie Mockus is on vacation.

Others in attendance: Mayor James Layton, Village Administrator John Trujillo and Clerk of Council/Administrative Assistant Christina Furbee.

Others in attendance remotely: Village Fiscal Officer Deborah Morgan

Visitors: Brian Coghlan

Acknowledge Visitors

Mr. Trujillo said Mr. Coghlan from V3 Engineering is in attendance.

Visitor Comments

None

Pending Legislation

Current legislation:

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-Third Reading

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

Mr. Trujillo said Council may want to consider suspending the readings of this legislation at the next Council Meeting, as the funds will be needed to pay for the Public-Private Partnership and a new Comprehensive Plan for the Village.

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- Second Reading

Mayor Layton said the West Licking Fire District is having a Board meeting tomorrow night and are expected to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Village. He said the Township is requesting that we do not do anything until they have fire protection in place. He said the MOU specifies that August 15, 2022 is the end date for Refugee-Canyon Joint Fire District. There was some discussion about the process of dissolving the Refugee-Canyon Joint Fire District and transitioning to West Licking Fire District.

Upcoming legislation

(After August 1st):

ORDINANCE __-22 -An ordinance to accept the application for an Expedited Type II Annexation for certain property into the Village of Hebron, Ohio from Union Township, pursuant to the petition filed by Leslie S. Johnson, Agent for Petitioner-First Reading

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Mr. Trujillo said the Ordinance accepting the annexation for the 10-acre property may need to be expedited because of the time frame involved. Mayor Layton said Council may also want to consider acting quickly so that the Nadolsons can move onto to the property.

Mr. Trujillo said the 72-acre property is located by Arrowhead Drive.

Committees:

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

Stormwater Utility Update

Brian Coghlan, V3 Companies Regional Manager, shared a presentation with Council about stormwater challenges and details of a stormwater utility fund. Mr. Trujillo said Council is asking to address where problem stormwater areas are, where to start, etc. Mr. Coghlan said that information would be included in the proposed stormwater master plan. He said a stormwater fund can also help with flood reduction costs, debt retirement, and local matches for grant funds. He addressed dedicated funding based on an Equivalent Residential Unit for select property types and said this is based on square footage of the impervious area and can be adjusted if needed. Mr. Coghlan said the fees are based on precedence, funding needs and affordability at \$6.52 per ERU. There was some discussion about the proposed fees for property types. Mrs. Stoner asked about the rate for churches and non-profit organizations who may not be able to afford the fees. Mayor Layton said there are a number of credit programs that could help reduce the fees for certain types of properties such as non-profit organizations. Mr. Trujillo said these properties can get up to 50% of the total bill excused through certain credit programs. Mr. Coghlan said over 100 communities in Ohio have a stormwater utility and that number is growing by the day. He touched on capital improvements for the Village of Hebron, and an inflation-based and population-based forecast. He said a stormwater utility will allow the Village to more quickly and more proactively address significant stormwater-related challenges that are expected to increase over the coming years. Mr. Coghlan said reliable and dedicated funding for stormwater management will free up funding in the Village's general fund.

Mrs. Morgan said legislation would need to be passed and then she would send the request to the State Auditor, and an enterprise fund would be set up to receive the funds. Mr. Coghlan said the utility would appear as a line item on residents' monthly water bills. Mayor Layton said the Village will have to make the public aware, and he believes residents will support it because of the many flooding issues in the Village. Mr. Trujillo said the public can help add information to the master plan.

Mr. Coghlan said Inflow & Infiltration information can be an issue and a storm sewer may help provide a place for water to run to during large rains. He said this utility can help fund the creation of a storm sewer.

Mayor Layton said there are three issues that need to be addressed: people want water off their property, people want to see projects being done that make a difference, and finding the money needed to do the projects. Mr. Trujillo said it will be important to let the public know when we do projects so they can see how their money is being spent and so that they know something is being done. Mr. Coghlan said the clean water act and water quality requirements have added to the need for this type of utility. Mr. Trujillo asked Mr. Coghlan to look at best ways to push the information out to Village residents.

Finance/Audit (*Valerie Mockus-Chair, Stacy Stoner, Randy Wolf*)

None

Safety (*Kenney Nauer-Chair, Randy Wolf, Paige Seymour*)

Fire District Discussion

Mr. Trujillo asked if anyone had anything to discuss regarding the Fire District. He said this topic was mentioned when the legislation was presented earlier in this meeting.

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

Mrs. Stoner asked when Mr. Lenner will be bringing back information regarding an updated Comprehensive Plan for the Village. Mr. Trujillo said when a Purchase Order is established, Mr. Lenner can start having discussions with the Village to determine what we would like to have included in the Plan. Mr. Trujillo said at least one member of Council and resident members will be needed to serve on a committee, and the Plan will touch on just about everything the Village does. Mayor Layton said Jim Lenner is working with getting the Public-Private plan into the Comprehensive program. Mrs. Porter asked how having an updated Comprehensive Plan and joining the Public-Private Partnership will affect the attempt of the County to have a county-wide water distribution system. Mayor Layton said he is not sure if water will be a part of that program. He said there is an engineering firm working on that and the goal is to get all surrounding communities together into one plan. Mrs. Porter said she does not want the Village of Hebron to spend money on projects that will need to be changed later, and possibly lose out on the value of its investment. Mr. Trujillo said the Comprehensive Plan will help define the Village's service and development areas which will provide some protection to the Village.

Mrs. Stoner asked if the Village is looking into making repairs to the walking path at Evans Park. Mayor Layton said there was some question about whether the patchwork would hold, as it would be costly to repave. He said Public Works Superintendent Cliff Ward is looking into it. Mr. Trujillo said the Village has been working more with Licking County Parks and that might be something to discuss with them. Mr. Nauer said the Village used to fill the cracks on the walking path with grindings or small gravel, and tar. Mayor Layton said he will discuss it with Mr. Ward.

Mrs. Stoner asked if a meeting has been scheduled with LCATS. Mayor Layton said the Chairman is out of town until August 1st but a meeting will be scheduled when he returns. Mrs. Porter said this is an essential meeting to find out if LCATS will partially fund the downtown project if the scope of the project is changed.

Other Items not listed

None

Open Discussion

Mayor Layton said the Village will need to appoint a Board member for the West Licking Fire District Board. He said Mr. Wolf has said he is willing to do it.

Mayor Layton said the Village is in the process of receiving letters of interest from people who are interested in sitting on the Planning & Zoning Board. He said Andrea Chapman and Mike McFarland have submitted letters of interest so far.

Mayor Layton asked if any Councilmembers are interested in attending the Licking County Chamber of Commerce “Washington Night” event at the Granville Inn on August 25th.

Visitor Comments

None

Adjourn

Mrs. Porter moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm, seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

_____(on file)_____
James Layton, Mayor

Attest:

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