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Minutes of Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS

Form 6101

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VILLAGE OF HEBRON

COMBINED COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 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.

Roll Call

Councilmembers in attendance: Council President Dr. Valerie Mockus, Councilmembers Stacy Stoner, Paige Seymour, Kenney Nauer, and Annelle Porter.

Others in attendance: Mayor James Layton, Village Administrator John Trujillo, Village Fiscal Officer Deborah Morgan, Community Development/Stormwater Coordinator Linda Nicodemus, and Clerk of Council/Administrative Assistant Christina Furbee.

Visitors: Ben Albrecht, David Mosher, Patrick Schwan

Visitors in attendance remotely: Chris Clancy

Acknowledge Visitors

Mr. Trujillo said Principal Engineer Patrick Schwan and Attorneys Ben Albrecht and David Mosher are in attendance.

Visitor Comments

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Pending or Imminent Litigation

Dr. Mockus moved to go into Executive Session at 6:02pm based on Ohio Revised Code 121.22 to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Mrs. Porter moved to reconvene from Executive Session at 6:42pm, seconded by Dr. Mockus. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

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-
First Reading

Mr. Trujillo read the title to Ordinance 12-22 and said the remaining legislation listed on the agenda will be upcoming after August 1st. He said the base bid for trash hauling included both curbside recycling and without curbside recycling. He said Adkins Disposal was lowest on both bids and they did meet the bid bond requirement. He said Rumpke was the other bidder, and two other trash hauler companies were present but submitted no bid. He read the bid tabulation aloud and said Council will need to make a decision about awarding the contract.

Mrs. Nicodemus said the Village is trying to ensure Council receives information about upcoming legislation as soon as possible. She said according to Ohio Revised Code, we have to wait 60 days to pass legislation after the Commissioners pass their legislation. Mrs. Nicodemus said Council passed the first part of legislation for both annexations. She said the Nadolsons are requesting the legislation for their annexation request be passed quickly once it is presented, so that they can move into their new home, also so that site development plans can begin. Mayor Layton asked if the Village has received any feedback from citizens about the annexations. Mrs. Nicodemus said the surrounding residents are in favor of it. She said she gets requests about annexation often so there may be more on the horizon.

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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(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 Connie Klema, Agent for Petitioner-First Reading

Committees:

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

None

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

High/Main Streets Intersection and paving

Patrick Schwan from Wallace-Pancher Group, Inc. said he is here to discuss the paving and improvement project on High Street at the downtown/Main Street intersection. He described the scope of the project and said the Licking County Area Transportation Study (LCATS) also wants to upgrade the traffic signal to improve air quality (from delays in traffic). He said the project will include decorative poles and lights that match the High Street sidewalk lighting. and pedestrian crosswalks with audible push button signals. Mr. Trujillo said the Village will have an aesthetic standard for improvement projects going forward.

Mr. Schwan provided a plan map and explained opportunities for enhancements to the project area. He described each quadrant of the map and the projected changes to each. He noted that the corner radiuses are very tight because of existing structures and explained how they came up with the plan for each quadrant which includes a turn lane at the northwest corner to allow more room for trucks to turn right. Mr. Schwan gave vehicle and pedestrian count information and said the elements of this project will help to provide safety at the intersection. He said from 2019-2021 there have been 10 accidents in the intersection.

Mrs. Porter asked if a roundabout was ever considered. Mrs. Porter said the cost of a roundabout would be \$750,000 in addition to the \$1.5 million cost of the project. Mrs. Porter said the sunken catch basin is an issue. Mr. Schwan said all the catch basins will be shoved back against the curb line.

Mr. Schwan said the project includes new traffic installation with decorative poles and battery backups, resurfacing along the length of the roadway, and improvements at the intersection. He said this is an Ohio Department of Transportation-administered project and will be ODOT let so they will put the project out for bid, through advisement from the Village. He said it may be calendar year 2024 before the project is constructed.

Mr. Nauer said it is important to make sure handicap crossings are lined up so that pedestrians are not sent out into the intersection. Mrs. Porter said she insists the type of traffic signals that have reflective backplates for increased visibility be used.

Dr. Mockus asked how this project will help pedestrians. Mr. Schwan said it provides curb ramps and truncated domes at each corner to provide directional crosswalks that send pedestrians in the proper direction, along with push button lights and audible sound to assist the blind or visually impaired. Mr. Trujillo said the visibility of pedestrians in the crosswalks will also be enhanced for drivers.

Mrs. Stoner asked if the radius of the western corner can be more closely matched to the radius of the other corners while still creating additional widening from its current radius. Mr. Schwan said the movement of trucks has been determined to be on that quadrant and the extra widening will create a safer corner for both vehicles and pedestrians. He said the other corners have been optimized for the existing signage and manhole, as moving them would be costly for the Village.

Mrs. Porter asked about the increase in the lane width of the turn from the north to west. Mr. Schwan said the increase would be about 20-25ft back from the existing curb. He said the area has been marked so the property owners can see the plan. Mrs. Porter asked if the stop bar can just be moved back. Mr. Schwan said moving the stop bar back on an intersection causes rear end crashes for the car sitting at the light. He said making the improvement now for whatever Council expects the intersection to be in the future is important so that the Village does not have to make additional costly improvements in if there is an issue in the future. Mrs. Porter asked if the left turn lane can be elongated. Mr. Schwan said making the left turn lane longer would create work all down Main Street

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and some parking spaces would be lost. Mayor Layton said he likes that accommodations were made for existing signs and trucks that come from the Industrial Park and turn west onto SR 40. He said GPS would send truckers that direction and it is a state highway so they would be permitted to do so.

Dr. Mockus said she understands delivery trucks need to come into town and she does not want to impact commerce, but the Village will lose greenspace for other trucks that should not be travelling on High Street. She said she feels it would be less safe for pedestrians to cross three lanes as opposed to two lanes. She said she cannot imagine Mr. Hayman is in favor of the project. Mayor Layton said he believes Mr. Hayman's concern is more about the amount of traffic, as the turn lane will facilitate traffic moving faster, and making a left turn will hold the traffic up. However, Mayor Layton said ODOT created this project in the interest of improving the safety and efficiency of the intersection.

Mayor Layton asked about the timeline of the project. Mr. Schwan said the right-of-way plans need to be done by the end of June, though revisions can still be made, and the final plans are not due until next year. He said acquisitions need to get started or the project will be pushed back. Mayor Layton said as far as right-of-way acquisition, he believes the only concern he's hearing tonight is the impact to the Village-owned corner lot. Dr. Mockus said she is concerned about the impact to Hayman's Dairy Bar and the cross patterns of the directional crosswalks. She asked Mr. Schwan to provide a visual map of the crosswalks. Mr. Schwan said there is some room to make adjustments to the location of some of the crosswalks, but there is an ADA requirement regarding how close the domes are to where the pedestrian head indicators are located. Mayor Layton told Mr. Schwan to proceed with obtaining the rights-of-way for BP and Park National Bank. Mr. Schwan said there is no right-of-way to be obtained for Hayman's Dairy Bar.

Mrs. Stoner asked if anything will change for the parking spaces behind Hayman's. Mr. Schwan said nothing will change-only roadway paving will be done in that area. There was some discussion about paving options.

Dr. Mockus said she is concerned about the safety of pedestrians at Hayman's as there are often many patrons there. Mr. Schwan said the improvements, with the removal of two parking spaces, will actually allow more space for pedestrians to congregate and will be safer for them.

Mrs. Morgan said the Village will need to budget for this project for 2023 even though the project won't begin until 2024 because the State of Ohio's Fiscal Year starts July 1st and the Village's budget is based on the calendar year.

Mrs. Porter asked if the Village will be responsible for 20% of the project costs with ODOT paying 80%. Mr. Schwan confirmed that is correct.

Mrs. Porter asked who will facilitate the bid for the project. Mr. Schwan said ODOT will handle the bid process and facilitate the construction.

There was some discussion about the paving thickness that will be needed in each area of the project. Mr. Schwan said this project is not intended to invite trucks into the area, but to make the area safer for truckers that do travel through downtown. He suggested the Village consider putting a "Thru Trucks Prohibited" sign up to limit the amount of trucks that travel in this area.

Mrs. Morgan asked if ODOT will move forward with the project even if Council does not approve of the design. Mr. Schwan said this is a local project and the community is needed to buy into it. He said if the community does not want the project, ODOT will not move forward, though the Village would miss out on funds that will not be spent on repaving the roadway. Mr. Trujillo said ODOT may be less apt to fund Village projects in the future if the project is shut down. Mayor Layton said ODOT will certainly listen to our concerns.

Adjustment of funds for paving

Mr. Trujillo said Councilmembers received a copy of the 2022 resurfacing schedule. He said a pavement rating through the village was completed through the Geographic Information System (GIS) process. He said the Hebron Water Department is placing some water lines, and the resurfacing schedule includes the areas that were rated highest and are not getting water lines: Burch Street and 9th Street. He said the cost comes to \$177, 000 and the Village has enough funds to do both. Mrs. Morgan said she received an estimate and we do have \$150,000 in our streets paving for 2022 and the engineering portion of the project is budgeted as well, as long as we stay within those numbers.

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There was some discussion about the project and costs. Mr. Trujillo said he can get with Public Works Superintendent Cliff Ward to get answers.
Mrs. Porter said the curve at 9th Street and Refugee Road should be striped because people come around that corner in the middle of the road and the pine trees obstruct the view of the road. Mr. Trujillo said we can look into it.

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

Mr. Trujillo said the current Hebron Comprehensive Plan is fairly outdated. He said Mayor Layton, Jim Lenner, and Developers have reviewed it and provided a copy of a proposal to complete a new Comprehensive Plan. He said American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds can be used to pay for this report. Mrs. Morgan said it is imperative that the Village keep an updated comprehensive plan, and as the Village has the ability to utilize ARPA funds, she does not recommend using General Funds. She said Council will need to move to direct the Village Solicitor to draft legislation to use the ARPA funds, for any purchase made with those funds so that they can be tracked and accounted for. This item will be added to a future Council Meeting agenda. There was some discussion about details of the comprehensive plan.

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

Mayor Layton said he plans to meet tomorrow with Union Township tomorrow to see if they want to do a joint resolution to dissolve the Fire District. He said the West Licking Fire District Chief is supposed to send a proposal to the Village this week, as the Auditor's deadline is August 1st so all relative legislation will need to be passed in July. Mrs. Seymour said there will not be a full Council at the end of July, so the three readings will need to be waived and the legislation will need to be adopted on the first reading.

Other Items not listed

Mayor Layton said Brandon Daubenmire resigned from the Planning & Zoning Board. He said his letter of resignation will be presented to Council at the next Council Meeting, and the Village will advertise for letters of interest.

Mayor Layton said Licking County is doing a land development program facilitated by the Evans Foundation and the hope is for the Village to participate.

Open Discussion

None

Visitor Comments

None

Adjourn

Mrs. Porter moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm, seconded by Dr. Mockus. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Attest:



Deborah Morgan, Village Fiscal Officer



James Layton, Mayor