

**Commissioners of Hebron
100 North Main Street
Post Office Box 299
Hebron, Maryland 21830**

**Minutes of the Commissioners of Hebron Regular Meeting As Held on
Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner President Rick S. Dwyer with Commissioner Amelia A. Handy, Commissioner Colby B. Phippin, and Commissioner Chester M. Sebald. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all who were in attendance.

Minutes

The minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting were presented. Commissioner Phippin made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Handy. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye.

Police Report

Captain Wilson was present and advised that after 31 years, he was leaving the Sheriff's Department and would be teaching Criminal Justice for the Wicomico County Board of Education. He again told the Commissioners to ask the residents of the Town to call the Sheriff's Department whenever anything happens that is in any way concerning. He also advised that the Carnival was kicking off tonight and was slated to last for three (3) weeks. The Commissioners congratulated Captain Wilson on his years of service and some recalled his time starting out when he was in the Town of Hebron and how his service to the Town evolved. The Commissioners expressed how he will be missed.

Building Permits

Building Permit # 1281 was for Billy Miles at 112 West Church Street for demolition. The Commissioners had previously held a phone vote, wherein Commissioners Phippin, Handy, and Dwyer had voted to approve the Building Permit.

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Old Business

1. Code Enforcement Update

Commissioner Dwyer advised the Commissioners that he had spoken with County Administrator, John Psota and there are some small details to be worked out. After the agreement is reached, then the County Attorney, Paul Wilbur, and the Town Attorney, Steve Cox, will work together to produce a Memorandum of Understanding or something that will allow the County to do the inspections.

Budget Hearing

At 6:15 p. m., the Commissioners stopped the regular Meeting and held a Public Hearing on the proposed Budget for the year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The Hearing was held and various questions by members of the audience were raised. Some of the questions included why was there allocated \$14,000 for 208 North Main Street. The reason for that allocation was, among other things, to pull the electric up to code, to put in a new fence and gate, to put in a beam into the interior to shore it up, and to do other interior renovations. Other questions were about the \$1.2 million loan proceeds in the Water Budget. It was explained that that was essentially a revolving line of credit for the second water tower. We were getting a grant for the second water tower, but we would have to pay the various bills as they came due and then apply for reimbursement by the State of Maryland and we had estimated that we would need that much to cover the interim time period. A question was asked about when the grant would expire and the answer given was that it would not expire as long as we moved forward with it.

After there were no further questions, a Motion was made by Commissioner Sebald and seconded by Commissioner Handy to accept the Budget as proposed and to pass the Budget Ordinance. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Old Business – Continued

2. Southern Corrosion Proposal.

The proposal was read and considered. A Motion was made by Commissioner Phippin and seconded by Commissioner Handy to accept the proposal of Southern Corrosion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

3. Water Tower – Site Location Update.

Commissioner Dwyer advised that he was still waiting to hear back from Pat O'Malley about the land. Commissioner Dwyer advised that he will contact him again. Mr. O'Malley has advised that he is not opposed to the concept, it was evidently just that he has a commitment to sell a portion of the land to someone else.

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New Business

1. Purchase of Office Equipment.

Mindy Stafford, the Town Clerk, advised that the new copier was to arrive on Monday. She also advised that telephones had been ordered which would result in a savings of money. She also advised that the purchases were below the budgeted amount.

2. Planning Commissioner – John Holston.

John Holston advised that the Planning Commission had selected Jason Morris as the new member of the Planning Commission and David Hooper as the alternate member. After some discussion a Motion was made by Commissioner Phippin and seconded by Commissioner Sebald to appoint Jason Morris as the new member of the Planning Commission and David Hooper as the alternate member. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Next, John Holston asked when the joint work session with the Commissioners and the Planning Commission would be held regarding the Landlord Licensing Ordinance. After some discussion, it was decided that the joint work session would take place on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Other

1. Commissioner Sebald inquired about the Sustainable Grant Application. The Town Clerk advised that she would be preparing information for this Friday and had spoken to Tracy Gordy of the Maryland State Planning Office last Friday.

2. After 26 years with the Town, Jerry Kennedy will be retiring. His retirement lunch will be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at Noon. A gift voucher for Williamsburg and a golfing outing (with no set time for it to be used) will be his retirement gift.

3. Commissioner Phippin advised that he had contacted someone to take both group and head shot photographs of the Commissioners and staff for use on the Town's website.

4. Commissioner Sebald advised that the Farmer's Market, which is on Sundays between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., is going well. More people are coming each weekend. WMDT is coming out to shoot an article on it and radio stations in Salisbury will soon start to announce the Market is taking place.

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5. A member of the audience advised the Commissioners of a water leak at West Lillian and Nelson Streets. It is assumed that the water is coming up from below because it is covering a metal plate in the road.
6. Another member of the audience asked if the Minutes will be continued to be put up on the Town's website. The answer given was yes, things had stopped because of Covid and the fact that the Commissioners had changed hosts for the domain.
7. The Town received a letter of Thanks from the Hebron Fire Company for the donation made by the Commissioners.

Approval of Checks

A Motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Sebald to approve the checks. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye.

Adjournment

A Motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Sebald to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Colby B. Phippin, Secretary