

**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, February 3, 2021**

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner President Rick Dwyer with Commissioner David Hooper, Commissioner Handy, and Commissioner Colby Phippin, present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all who were in attendance.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting were presented. Commissioner Handy made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Phippin. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye. There were no minutes for any meetings in January, 2021 because there were no meetings in January, 2021 because of the COVID Virus possibly being present in the Town Hall and remedial measures having to have taken place.

Police Report

Captain Wilson of the Wicomico County Sheriff's Department gave the Police Report. He indicated that the Town had been very helpful in the investigation of the murder that had taken place in the Town. He also advised that schools were starting back and on March 6, 2021, sports in the schools are supposed to be re-starting. He also advised that his Department was about 50% down over COVID Virus and now there were three (3) out. He spoke briefly about current legislation in the State House to stop police from having a presence in the schools. He also advised that in the City of Salisbury robberies were an issue and that in Wicomico County, there seem to be paintball issues. He also advised that jury trials in Wicomico County are scheduled to resume on April 29, 2021. Also in Wicomico County, it is budget time, while at the same time the Sheriff's Office is trying to deal with speeders.

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Building Permits

There was one (1) Building Permit to consider (#1265) which was a request by Reuben Brinson to put up a shed at 166 Chapel Branch Drive. Previously, there had been an email/phone vote, wherein Commissioner President Dwyer and Commissioners Sebald and Phippin voted to approve the Building Permit. The email/phone vote had taken place because the Commissioners did not meet in January, 2021.

Old Business

1. Memorial Garden – MTA License Agreement

Town Attorney Steve Cox reported on the MTA License Agreement that had been proposed by the MTA. Some of the provisions, such as the Insurance Section, were remarkably the same as the provisions that were in a contract when the Commissioners had offered to cut the grass on the property some years ago. After discussion, the Commissioners declined to go forward with that contract. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that they would put the Memorial Garden outside the Town Hall on land that is now owned by the Commissioners.

2. Handicap Ramp Repair

The Commissioners discussed repairing of the handicap ramp that leads from the street to the entrance door of the Town Hall. Roland Morris of Morris Masonry had bid \$1,500.00 to do the job. After some discussion, Commissioner Hooper moved to accept that bid and have Morris Masonry proceed with the project. Commissioner Handy seconded the Motion. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye.

3. Holiday Lighting Contest

Town Clerk Melinda Stafford advised that the winners were:

1st Place – Mike McCallops – 211 North Main Street

2nd Place – Todd Dudeck – 502 South Main Street

3rd Place – Kyle Cole – 104 Bradley Street

4th Place – Tracey Mueller – 527 North Main

5th Place – Kevin Keaton – 303 East Church

4. Delmarva IT Solutions Contract

Town Attorney, Steve Cox, advised the Commissioners about the proposed contract from Delmarva IT Solutions. After some discussion, the Commissioners instructed Town Clerk, Melinda Stafford, to obtain proposals from Xfinity/Comcast, Verizon, Delmarva IT Solutions, and Inacom. If any of those companies want to attend the next Commissioners' Meeting, they could.

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Commissioner Sebald joined the Meeting by telephone at approximately 6:45 p.m.

New Business

1. Code Enforcement – Commissioner President Dwyer

Commissioner President Dwyer advised that Dan Hogg will resign when the Commissioners are ready with a replacement. Dan just did not want to keep doing it nights and weekends after doing it in his day job. Three (3) options were discussed, which were:

A. Find a replacement with an ad in the paper. It would have to be someone certified to do the job.

B. Get some Wicomico County Inspectors to do it. They would already be certified.

C. Find someone who just wanted to do it part time on nights and weekends.

Commissioner Phippin advised that his first option would be for someone who is dedicated to doing that job, but first wanted to see if someone at Wicomico County might be interested and available. After some discussion, it was decided that Commissioner President Dwyer would talk to the County to see if the County would take over the inspections, similar to the way they have done other things in the Town. If they were interested and agreeable, it might be that we would ask Wicomico County to take over other inspections, such as Curb Appeal and the Vehicle Ordinance.

2. Utility Billing Proposal

Town Clerk Melinda Stafford brought up a proposal that the Town no longer bill the Tenants of rental properties for the Water/Sewer/Trash billing in addition to sending the bills to the Owners of rental properties. After some discussion, Commissioner Hooper made motion that effective July 1, 2021, the Town will no longer bill Tenants of rental properties for the Water/Sewer/Trash billing and will only bill the Owners of rental properties. Commissioner Phippin seconded the Motion. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye.

3. Constellation Energy

Commissioner Hooper will review the proposal concerning Constellation Energy and will advise the Commissioners at the next meeting. As per Town Clerk Melinda Stafford Constellation Energy will have a new contract by the next meeting. The renewal date for our contract is June, 2021.

4. “If I were a Mayor” Contest – Commissioner Handy

After discussion, Commissioner President Dwyer will be helping with the Contest. Town Clerk Melinda Stafford will determine who the point of contact might be.

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5. 208 North Main Street

Town Attorney Steve Cox advised the Commissioners that this property had been foreclosed and it might be an opportunity for the Town. After discussion it was agreed that the Town Attorney would contact the attorney for the Bank of Delmarva, that was foreclosing on that property and see if someone from the Town could take a tour of the building.

Other

1. Thank you from the Census Bureau

Town Clerk Melinda Stafford advised that the Census Bureau thanked the Town for its help in the Census taking.

2. Landlord Licensing Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission

The Commissioners and the Planning Commission will hold a joint meeting to discuss the proposed Landlord Licensing Bill prepared by the Planning Commission, when a time is convenient for all.

3. Tracy Gordy and the Maryland State Department of Planning

The Commissioners will endeavor to have Tracy Gordy at their next meeting, if possible, to discuss the next step in her program.

4. The Westside Historical Society

After some discussion about the Westside Historical Society, a Motion was made by Commissioner Hooper to donate to the Westside Historical Society the same amount of money that the Commissioners donated to them last year, which was \$100.00. Commissioner Phippin seconded the Motion. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye.

5. Trash Collection Contract

The Commissioners discussed the trash contract. It was noted that the supervisor was not following the Trash Collection Truck and there remains the issues of the trash cans after pickup.

6. Chickens on Church Street

Commissioner Sebald brought up that there were still chickens on Church Street and that something ought to be done about them and the noise that they made.

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Approval of Checks

Commissioner Hooper made a Motion to approve the checks which was seconded by Commissioner Phippin. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye.

Adjournment

A Motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Phippin to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amelia Handy".

Amelia Handy, Secretary