

Commissioners of Hebron
100 North Main Street
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Minutes of the Commissioners of Hebron Regular Meeting As Held on
Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner President Rick Dwyer with Commissioner Amelia Handy, Commissioner Chester M. Sebald, and Commissioner Colby Phippin present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all who were in attendance.

Minutes

The minutes of November 4, 2020 meeting were presented. Commissioner Sebald 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

Babe Wilson gave the Police Report. He reported that it had been a fairly good Halloween and that pretty much all was out and done by 8:00 p.m. He advised that schools were closed again due to the virus situation and there would be a re-assessment every thirty (30) days.

Building Permits

There was one (1) Building Permit to consider (#1260) which was a request by Judy Edwards for a garage at 105 South Main Street. It was for a garage which was to be a Pole Building type that her husband will build and it will be 24' x 28'. Commissioner Handy made a Motion to approve the Building Permit and was seconded by Commissioner Phippin. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye.

New Business

3. Municipal Government Works Month — Commissioner Handy¹

¹ The items in New and Old Business sections are set out with the number of each item as it was set out in the Agenda for the meeting. They are presented in the order in which they were discussed.

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Commissioner Handy made a presentation concerning the dedication of November as Municipal Government Works Month. A Certificate was presented to that effect, which had been signed by Commissioner President Dwyer and Commissioner Handy. The Commissioners all agreed that it remains of the utmost importance that Hebron's municipal government, consisting of the Commissioners of Hebron to continue to work for the betterment of the residents of the Town of Hebron.

Ronald G. Ayers

At this point in the Meeting, former Commissioner Ronald G. Ayers was recognized for his years of service to the Town of Hebron. As he related, in 1972, he became the Principal of Westside Intermediate School in Hebron. Upon his retirement in 1987, he started to help Ms. Janet Schlesinger with various things related to the Town. Mr. Ayers was on the Hebron Planning Commission and was elected to the Commissioners of Hebron countless times. He was given a Proclamation from the Commissioners of Hebron as well as a plaque commemorating his service to the Town. It was the general consensus that he had been a valuable member of the Commissioners and the Planning Commission and that he and his service will be missed.

Old Business

1. Land for Water Tower – Commissioner President Dwyer

Commissioner President Dwyer reviewed the information that was presented by the Town Engineers, Rauch, Inc. The issues discussed included where to put the proposed Water Tower. The entire project is in motion and could take as long as two (2) years, although hopefully sooner. In connection with discussions about the water tower, the Commissioners discussed the two (2) bids for the generator grant. They were Alban Cat with a bid of \$59,800 and Barnes Electric with a bid of \$61,695. During the discussion it was noted that Barnes Electric was local and had done work in the past for Hebron, including working on the current generator. After discussion, Commissioner Sebald made a Motion to accept the Barnes Electric bid and was seconded by Commissioner Phippin. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye.

At this point in the Meeting, it was noted that Cleanup Day will be held in the Spring of 2021.

New Business, Continued

1. Quarterly Report – Amy Brandt

It was decided that this item would be presented at the next Meeting and that Mindy would get up with Amy to check for her availability.

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2. Curb Appeal – Commissioners Phippin and Hooper

By consent, it was agreed that this item would not be discussed until Commissioner Vice President Hooper could be present.

At this point in the Meeting, Commissioner Sebald advised that he had spoken with MDOT and that some progress was being made on the garden that may go on the land next to the railroad tracks. He also advised that there would be a Farmers' Market in the spring of 2021 at the Train Depot. After some discussion, it was agreed that Mindy would call local farmers in February about the idea. It was pointed out that there would be no charge to the farmers and they could just come and set up.

At this point in the Meeting, Commissioner Phippin advised that he had received an estimate for the pole building (40' x 40' including a slab) for \$45,000.

At 7:45 p.m. the bids for the Trash Contract were opened, read, and discussed. There were two (2) bids. Chesapeake's bid was \$10.86 per unit for a total of \$5,212.80 per month or \$62,553.60 per year. Sea Gull's bid was \$14.25 per unit for a total of \$6,840.00 per month or \$82,080.00 per year. The Commissioners were not satisfied with either bid. It was decided that Commissioner President Dwyer and Town Attorney Steve Cox would get together to determine how to get some clarification for the bids. Commissioner Sebald made a Motion and was seconded by Commissioner Phippin for them to do that. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye.

Approval of Checks

Commissioner Handy made a Motion to approve the checks which was seconded by Commissioner Sebald. 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 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amelia Handy, Secretary