

**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 16, 2022**

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner President Amelia A. Handy, with Commissioners Chester M. Sebald, Michelle E. Bradley, and David L. Hooper present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all who were in attendance.

Agenda

Commissioner Bradley made a Motion to approve the Agenda which was seconded by Commissioner Sebald. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Minutes

The Minutes of the February 2, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Hooper made a Motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Bradley. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Building Permits

Building Permit #1295 was for Colby Phippin at 600 Phillips Avenue to extend his garage and put up a fence. Commissioner Sebald made a Motion to approve the Building Permit which was seconded by Commissioner Bradley. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Old Business

1. Shorescan Decision

Town Clerk Melinda Stafford advised that she had heard from the fellow who was working with Commissioner Phippin at his place of work and he sent an email with about ten (10) questions in it. Commissioner President Handy indicated that she wanted the answers from him by the next meeting.

New Business

1. Financial Update – Amy Brandt, CPA

Amy Brandt advised the Commissioners about the 6-month Budget results for the Commissioners' Budget and the Water and Sewer Budgets. Generally, nothing is out of the ordinary for either of the Budgets.

Old Business

2. Land Acquisition for Tower

Commissioner President Handy advised that Commissioner Phippin had contacted Pat O'Malley and Pat was not interested in selling any land.

At approximately 6:14 p.m., Commissioner Colby B. Phippin arrived at the meeting.

Commissioner Phippin confirmed that Pat O'Malley was not interested in selling any land and said that he was working with Henry Hall. Commissioner President Handy advised that she had talked with Mrs. Maddox and that she indicated that she would call Commissioner Phippin. John Psota, a member of the audience, advised that it was important to check with the engineers and he was assured that that Commissioners had done that.

3. Tree Quotes

Commissioner President Handy advised that she did not mean to offend anyone, but that everyone got quotes from someone for cutting down the trees and that the Commissioners all knew of the original bid so they asked for bids under that number. There was a general discussion about how to get bids and how they should go straight to the office. The bids were then reviewed and there were three (3) to consider. They were:

Singleton's	\$4,000.00
Copes Rentals	\$3,000.00 plus another \$1,000 for stump removal
Dog In Heat Tree Service	\$3,300.00 to cut the trees and grind the stumps

After some discussion, Commissioner Hooper made a motion to use Dagenhart Tree Service, if he can provide appropriate documentation, such as an address, otherwise to use Copes Rentals. Commissioner Bradley seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

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New Business

2. MAC Agency and Colin Zimmerman

Colin Zimmerman and his mother, Carol Zimmerman, addressed the Commissioners about MAC, Inc. and AARP. They discussed the Task Force on which Commissioner Bradley sits, which deals with live-able communities and concerns housing, medical care, and connectivity. Carol is the Director of Aging and Dementia Serviced at MAC. They talked about their advocacy to have various communities become age friendly. They advised that there is an age friendly process for local governments for, among other things, health care. All that is necessary is a Motion and a signature for Hebron to become an Age Friendly Community. They advised that June 11, 2022 will be MAC's 50th Anniversary. There will be vendors present and Carol will make a presentation to all who attend. Commissioner Bradley advised that the Task Force is very engaged and active. John Parsons from the audience asked if they were looking for age friendly housing or a way to make housing age friendly. Colin advised that housing has not bounced back from the 2008 crash. Carol advised that it is very hard for seniors who are confused and frightened due to Alzheimer's and dementia. Carol noted that it is the Commissioners job to know what is best for Hebron.

3. Hebron Recreation Commission

Commissioner President Handy advised that this will be a group who would plan things for the Town. She further advised that she and Kim Sebald would spearhead the Easter Parade. Commissioner Hooper will check about the PA System. Both John Parsons and J. R. Lemon volunteered for the Commission. Commissioner Hooper talked about working on the Concert.

Other

1. ARPA

Commissioner President Handy advised that we need to get an application for funds in with various requests. She suggested going to various churches for suggestions and that she would be going to Nelson's Church this coming Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Later on, she or someone else can go to Uprising. Mindy indicated that there should be a discussion and work session for ARPA Funds. There will be a Planning Commission Workshop with the Commissioners when the Planning Commission meets next, which is the second Thursday in March at 7:00 p.m. The Commissioners will have a Workshop for ARPA Funds on February 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. It will be at lunch time at a place to be decided later.

Public Comments

John Psota was present and talked about his experience, which includes being a member of the Maryland State Police and the Manager of the City of Fruitland. He pointed out that housing units were down 35% from last year and that there are only 157 available. He updated the Commissioners about the Stormwater situation in the Town and indicated that he would try to get it prioritized. He advised that he had spoken with Keith Hall of the Metropolitan Planning Organization and they would try to get a letter of recommendation by Friday. There was some discussion about the potential light at Route 50 and Main Street. He mentioned that Lori Carter was getting Tony Williams out for the Town's Code Enforcement and this summer it would be for overgrown grass. He advised that the County needed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town. He spoke about a budget for paving and suggested that the Town could piggyback on the County's asphalt contracts. Commissioner Bradley spoke about a tree that was outside the Town limits, but that needed attention. Mr. Psota indicated that it would be on the Fall schedule for tree trimming. As for the ARPA Funding, he indicated that if the Town had questions, that we could call on the County for its expertise and experience in dealing with the last 410 page issue of guidance that the Federal Government had produced.

Ken Pick was present and indicated that a couple of residents in Chapel Branch were concerned about of couple of potholes in the subdivision.

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1. Commissioner President Handy advised that we needed to get someone to clean the Town Hall and that someone was needed to come in and take care of it. We will try for quotes and the person would only be needed to come in once a week.

2. Commissioner Sebald asked about the Solar Field and if it was still an ongoing concern. He was advised that the last we knew, they had gone to the Public Service Commission.

3. Commissioner Sebald asked about the stumps in the field that Bob Holloway had cleared. Evidently Bob had advised that the stumps would be removed. We will send him a letter about it.

4. Commissioner Sebald asked about Miss Utility for the Train Depot. He also said that there would have to be a separate call for the Memorial Gardens. John Psota indicated that the City of Fruitland had found a source for banners and the mounting hardware for the poles in that Town. He also said to be sure to call 811 before there was any digging.

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5. Commissioner Sebald inquired about the sign "Welcome to Hebron" and where we can put it. John Psota suggested that we contact the State High Administration.

6. Commissioner Bradley inquired about having a street dedicated to Rick Dwyer. She thought that it would be North East Railroad Road that would be dedicated to him. John Psota suggested contacting Mark Whitelock in the County.

Checks

There were no checks to consider.

Adjournment

A Motion was made by Commissioner Phippin and seconded by Commissioner Sebald to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Colby B. Phippin Secretary