

**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 5, 2024**

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner President Amelia A. Handy. Commissioners Chester M. Sebald, Kenneth L. Pick, Kenneth W. Abrams, and Toni L. Dwyer were present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all who were in attendance.

Closed Meeting

Commissioner President Handy advised that prior to this meeting, there had been a Closed Meeting regarding personnel issues.

Agenda

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

Minutes

The Minutes of the May 15, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A Motion was made by Commissioner Sebald to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Abrams seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Building Permits

Building Permit #1347 was for Juley Edwards at 105 South Main Street to add a 12'x24' Lean-To addition and pole barn to the side of the existing structure. Juley advised that she had talked to the County, who said that she needs 15% of her land to be pervious and that after the structure is completed, approximately 50% of her land would be pervious. Commissioner Abrams made a Motion that the Building Permit be approved subject to the County approving it. Commissioner Dwyer seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

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Building Permit #1349 was for Sarah Allen at 111 East Lillian Street to replace a wooden 6' high privacy fence. After some discussion, the matter was tabled pending markings on the Building Permit papers that show where the fence will be and the relationship with the buildings on the property.

Building Permit #1350 was for Thomas Twilley at 115 North East Rail Road Avenue to put in a dog house/enclosure. After some discussion, Commissioner Dwyer made a Motion that the Building Permit be approved subject to the County approving it. Commissioner Pick seconded the Motion. Commissioner Abrams recused himself. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Police Report

Lieutenant John Alessandrini of the Sheriff's Department gave the Police Report. He spoke about the issues in the 21830 zip code from April 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024. He said that there would be 4 new deputies graduating from the Academy next Friday and 5 more starting the academy on July 1, 2024. If things go as they should, they will graduate 6 months from when they start. Commissioner Abrams asked about traffic stops and Lt. Alessandrini advised that they do not keep statistics on that. Commissioner Sebald said that since the last Commissioners Meeting, he has seen many more deputies in Town and at different hours.

Treasure's Report

Commissioner President Handy advised that a listing of checks was in front of all of the Commissioners. Commissioner Dwyer made a Motion to approve the checks. Commissioner Sebald seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Old Business

1, Code Enforcement

Commissioner President Handy advised that there have been several complaints about grass being too high. She said that we do not have a Code Enforcement Officer yet and to bear with us. She advised that Main Street and Lillian Street would be taken care of by the State.

2. Trash Bids¹

There were two (2) trash bids, which were from Chesapeake Waste and Seagull Disposal. The bids were as follows:

¹ There is a total of 423 units with each residence counting as a unit. Trash at commercial establishments is not picked up.

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The Chesapeake bid² was:

Without Toters Year 1:	\$11.99/unit/month or \$5,071.77/month or \$60,861.24/year
Without Toters Year 2:	\$12.23/unit/month or \$5,173.29/month or \$62,079.48/year
Without Toters Year 3:	\$12.47/unit/month or \$5,274.81/month or \$63,297.72/year
With Toters Year 1:	\$13.29/unit/month or \$5,071.77/month or \$67,460.04/year
With Toters Year 2:	\$13.55/unit/month or \$5,173.29/month or \$68,779.80/year
With Toters Year 3:	\$13.82/unit/month or \$5,274.81/month or \$70,150.32/year

The Seagull bid³ was:

Without Carts Year 1:	\$12.50/unit/month or \$5,287.50/month or \$63,450.80/year
Without Carts Year 2:	\$12.87/unit/month or \$5,446.12/month or \$65,353.50/year
Without Carts Year 3:	\$13.26/unit/month or \$5,609.51/month or \$67,314.10/year
With Carts Year 1:	\$14.00/unit/month or \$5,922.00/month or \$71,064.00/year
With Carts Year 2:	\$14.42/unit/month or \$6,099.66/month or \$73,195.92/year
With Carts Year 3:	\$14.85/unit/month or \$6,281.55/month or \$73,378.60/year

President of the Chapel Branch HOA, Bill Zittle, said that he had heard of a lot of complaints, but that he did not have any. He added that people had been polled and that they are willing to pay more for better service. Andrew Duley, of Seagull, said that they would be using 96 gallon trash cans. Commissioner President Handy said that she was very disappointed that the Commissioners did not hire Seagull last year and she would like to give Seagull a chance this year. Andrew Duley said that the price for the next three (3) years is the same as their bid last year. After the discussion, Commissioner Dwyer made a Motion to accept the Seagull bid, with cans, in the amount of \$71,064.00 for the first year. Commissioner Abrams seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye. Commissioner President Handy advised that she would send this information to Amy Brandt, our accountant. Andrew Duley said that the cans would have serial numbers on them and would be attached to a specific address. He also said that Seagull had an automatic side load truck, which could not take on extra cans, per residence, and a rear loading truck that could take on extra cans, per residence.

3. Budget

There was discussion about giving the employees a raise and hiring an Administrator for the Town. Commissioner President Handy said that this had been discussed at the Closed Meeting, but that no Motion had been made or considered in the Closed Meeting. After some discussion,

² All of Chesapeake's numbers were set out in their bid.

³ The Seagull bid only set out the numbers for the first year in each option and indicated there would be a yearly 3% increase. In these Minutes, all of the Seagull numbers after the first year (in both options) were calculated based on the 3% increase. The resulting numbers were truncated after 2 decimal points.

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Commissioner Dwyer made a Motion to give the Town employees a 3% raise and allocate \$55,000 for an Administrator in the coming year's Budget. Commissioner Pick seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

4. 100 Wilson Street Update

Commissioner President Handy advised that she had told Rauch, our engineer, to proceed with Phase 1 of the Environmental Study

New Business

1. ARPA Essential Worker

Commissioner President Handy said that according to our ARPA advisor, John O'Connor, ARPA Funds could be used to pay essential Hebron employees who were not paid during the initial Covid closings. Those employees are Jerry and Clyde because they had to make sure that the water and sewer system continued to work, regardless of Covid. After some discussion, Commissioner Abrams made a Motion to pay Jerry and Clyde \$1,500.00 each. Commissioner Dwyer seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Public Comment

Commissioner President Handy announced that Public Comments would be limited to 2 to 3 minutes.

1. Bill Zittle asked about the street bids and was told that we had none yet. He also asked about the recycling of the scrap metal and who received whatever the payments were for that. He was advised that we had no policies in place regarding that matter. With regard to the ARPA essential employees, he asked who took care of the water/sewer. He was told that Jerry was the supervisor and had the qualifications to do so. Clyde and Jimmy were the workers who worked under Jerry.

2. Commissioner President Handy advised that the Façade Applications applicants had been contacted and that work was being done. One of the Façade matters has been completed.

3. Ernie Carbaugh asked about the Depot and who is responsible for the paving where the road had been dug up to put in the plumbing for the bathrooms. Commissioner Abrams said that when the roads were paved, we would ask that paving be included. Ernie was concerned because someone ran into something sticking up from the road.


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4. Commissioner President Handy advised that the LESMA Dinner would be in Sharptown on June 20, 2024. She asked the Commissioners to let Robin know by next Friday if they are going and how many would be going.
5. Ernie Carbaugh said that he would like to thank the Rec Committee for the food that had been donated. He said that they were grateful for the assistance.
6. Commissioner Sebald said that the Farmer's Market that was on Memorial Day and that he had contacted both WBOC and WMDT about running a story on it.
7. Commissioner President Handy said the MML Leaders came to Hebron last Thursday, May 30, 2024. They walked to the Public Works Building, to the Depot, to Collector's Chaos, and to the Carnival and were impressed with what they saw.

Adjournment

A Motion was made by Commissioner Pick and seconded by Commissioner Sebald to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kenneth L. Pick, Secretary