## 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 15, 2022

#### Call to Order

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

## Agenda

Commissioner Handy 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 June 1, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Handy made a Motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Sebald. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

## Police Report

There was no Police Report.

#### **Public Comments**

Mike and Sandy Pruitt made comments about the letter that they had received about the state of their property located at 107 Barbara Avenue. Among other things, they said that the trailer full of stuff was going to be taken to the dump tomorrow and that they would cover the trailer in the future until the tonnage was right for taking it to the dump. They advised that all of the vehicles were tagged and the registration was up-to-date. They said that the fence was not broken and the

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trash can was in the front porch because of Sandy's Mother. They asked to be called next time instead of being sent a letter. They advised that they will work with the Town if the Town would work with them. They also advised that they need a second driveway and that Rick Dwyer had told them that was not allowed. Steve Cox, Town Attorney, will look into that question. The Pruitts advised that if they could have a second driveway, that they would put in a second culvert, if the Commissioners told him the correct size, and that they would otherwise bear all of the costs associated with the second driveway.

## **Budget Hearing**

At 6:15 p.m., Commissioner President Phippin opened the hearing on the proposed 2022 – 2023 Budget. He explained the changes that had been made in the Budget since the last Budget Workshop and opened the floor to any questions concerning any part of the Budget. There were no questions asked. The Hearing was then closed. Commissioner Handy made a Motion to adopt the Budget as proposed. Commissioner Sebald seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

## **Building Permits**

Building Permit #1303 was for Maritza Caceres at 101 Bradley Street for a Room Addition. It was noted that she would have to go to the County as well. After some discussion, Commissioner Handy made a Motion to approve the Permit that was seconded by Commissioner Sebald. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Building Permit #1303 was for Shirley Alexander at 117 East Church Street for a 6 foot high wooden privacy fence. After some discussion, Commissioner Handy made a Motion to approve the Permit that was seconded by Commissioner Sebald. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

#### **Old Business**

## 1. Discussion about Chickens

There was some discussion about chickens in the Town and how other towns are handling the issue as well as the State's requirements and provisions for allowing chickens in municipalities. Steve Cox was asked to prepare an Ordinance on the matter.

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#### Other

- 1. Commissioner Sebald asked about the Memorial Garden. Steve Cox advised that he had requested the Certificate of Insurance from the Workers' Comp Policy providers and was waiting to hear back.
- 2. Commissioner Sebald asked about the Banners. Town Clerk, Melinda J. Stafford, advised that she had talked to DP&L and we will have to redo the Snowflakes so that there are no Lag Bolts and only Clamps. We can put the Banners on the same poles as the Snowflakes. Whoever is hanging the Snowflakes or the Banners will have to file the paperwork with DP&L. Commissioner Sebald advised that we can hang the Banners from Memorial Day to Veterans Day and then take them down and hang the Snowflakes, all with the same hardware.
- 3. Commissioner Sebald asked about advertising the Farmers' Market. Ken Pick, who was in the audience, advised that he would discuss that with the Recreation Commission.

#### **New Business**

- 1. Hebron Fire Department Ambulance Purchases Commissioner President Phippin There was a discussion about the Hebron Fire Department and their purchasing two (2) ambulances. They had approached Commissioner President Phippin about the Commissioners making a contribution for the purchases. It was noted that in the past such contributions had been solicited from the Commissioners and the Commissioners had not made a contribution. This is in part due to the fact that the HFD had always refused to reveal their budget and financial situation. A discussion was held, but no decision or Motion was made.
- Speed Limit Signs Commissioner Sebald
   Commissioner Sebald advised that at the MML Conference, he learned about the various
  types of Speed Limit Signs and the various things that the different types of signs could do.

## **Public Comment**

1. Ken Pick

Ken Pick asked if there had been a Building Permit for 131 Chapel Branch issued by the Town. He was advised that none had been applied for or issued.

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## 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 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle E. Bradley, Secretary