

**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, April 19, 2023**

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner President Colby B. Phippin, with Commissioners Amelia A. Handy and Kenneth L. Pick present. Commissioners Chester M. Sebald and David L. Hooper were present via telephone. 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 Pick. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Minutes

The Minutes of the April 5, 2023 meeting were reviewed. A Motion was made by Commissioner Hooper to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Pick seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Police Report

Deputy Handy presented the Police Report. He gave out the numbers of Alarm Checks, Assaults, Welfare Checks, Disorderly Conduct, Fraud, Hit & Runs, Traffic, and Warrant Attempts, among others, in the 21830 zip code.

Building Permits

Building Permit # 1321 was for Catherine Sterling at 101 N. E. Railroad Avenue for a 5' tall wood and chain link fence. After some discussion, Commissioner Pick made a Motion to approve the Permit. Commissioner Hooper seconded the Motion. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye.

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Old Business

1. ARPA Application/Funds

A. Commissioner President Phippin discussed and read aloud the Application from the MRC Youth Baseball Team. They had fully completed the Application previously, but the extra pages had been overlooked. He then advised that our ARPA Consultant, John O'Connor, had reviewed the application and said that it was a good fit, even though the field is outside the Hebron Town Limits. Their total budget is \$11,438.86 and they are only asking for \$5,950.00 because they already had the difference of \$5,488.86. After some discussion, Commissioner Handy made a Motion to approve the Application and give the Team the amount of \$5,950.00. Commissioner Pick seconded the Motion. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye.

B. Commissioner President Phippin presented the Application from the Train Depot for \$22,150.00 to build a bathroom, but that would not include the plumbing hookup. It was decided that the Application should be sent to John O'Connor to review. It may be that the Application will have to be redone in order to get a new quote for the bathroom including the plumbing hookup.

C. Commissioner President Phippin presented the Application from St. Luke United Methodist Church for \$5,240.70 for new doors. The Application will be sent to John O'Connor to review and re-visited at the next meeting.

2. Hebron Savings Bank

Commissioner Hooper asked if we should go forward with the Hebron Savings Bank's presentation. Commissioner President Phippin advised that our accountant, Amy Brant, hasn't yet had the opportunity to review the matter because of the current tax season. After some discussion, Commissioner Hooper made a Motion to accept the Hebron Savings Bank proposal if Amy advised that it is okay, otherwise it will be reconsidered at the next Meeting. Commissioner Sebald seconded the Motion. No action was taken on the Motion.

3. Verizon

Commissioner Sebald asked if Verizon had done anything about boosting the signal in the Town. Commissioner President Phippin advised that nothing had been done by Verizon and that he will follow up.

New Business

1. Certified Election Results

Commissioner President Phippin advised that the results of the Election are as follows:

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Kenneth L. Pick	83
Chester M. Sebald	77
Amelia A. Handy	65
Toni L. Dwyer	43
Mitchell L. Parks	32
Jack K. Presley	29
John T. Parsons	16
Write In: Kevin Matthews	3
Write In: Juanita Nutter	1

He advised that there were 138 Voters and he congratulated all those who participated.

2. Recap of the Hebron Pet Parade

Commissioners Handy and Pick spoke about the Pet Parade because they are on the Rec Committee and were involved in putting the event together. This year's Parade was not as big as last year's, but the weather was fine and a good time was had by all. Two new veterinarians attended this year. They also said that the Rec Committee needs more new members, so people are being encouraged to join.

3. Hebron Cleanup Day

Commissioner President Phippin said that he asked Chesapeake Waste and Seagull Disposal about providing dumpsters for the Hebron Cleanup Day, which will be Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or whenever the dumpsters are full. Seagull will provide two (2) dumpsters at a cost of \$1,500, which includes the rental (\$300 each) and assumes the maximum amount of weight (\$67 per ton) that it might cost. A Flyer will be distributed in the Town about the opportunity. There will be a separate pile for metal so that the metal may be recycled. Commissioner Handy made a Motion to pay Seagull the maximum amount of \$1,500. Commissioner Sebald seconded the Motion. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye.

4. 107 East Lillian Street Code Enforcement

Linda J. Bennett, who owns 107 East Lillian Street, was present. A discussion was held about the condition of the property and Mrs. Bennett acknowledged the same. She advised that she had never been sent, served, or received any notice about the demolition of the property and so is asking for a three (3) month extension. She advised that she was getting three (3) estimates, the first of which she is expecting in the next few days. She advised that she had no problem with the demolition of the property, but she needed the time to get the bids and the money for the demolition. Commissioner President Phippin advised that he will be sending the letter the next

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day. The Commissioners held a discussion with Mrs. Bennett and after which, Commissioner Hooper made a Motion that Mrs. Bennett will have sixty (60) days to get the bids and give copies to the Town. Her bids must also say when the property will be demolished, which will be within a reasonable amount of time. If the bids are not received within those sixty (60) days, that the Town will hire someone to demolish it within a reasonable time and the costs of that demolition will be added to her property tax bill and collected as such. Commissioner Sebald seconded the Motion. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye.

5. Barbara Avenue

There was a discussion about Barbara Avenue and the state of the properties on that street. Commissioner President Phippin advised that he would be sending a letter out the next day and that there is now a Backhoe parked on a front lawn. Commissioner Hooper said that he believes that the property was being used as a commercial property in violation of the Zoning Laws in Hebron. Commissioner Sebald raised the issue of whether or not parking on the front lawn of residential property is allowed. Currently, there is no such prohibition.

6. Clyde's Vacation Time

Clyde Church of the Public Works Department of Hebron advised that he had thought that after an employee had been working for Hebron for ten (10) years, that the employee got three (3) weeks of vacation. However, as per the Policies of the Town, the policy states that after seven (7) years, an employee will get three (3) weeks of vacation. March 4 was Clyde's Start Date and as of March 4, 2022, he has been employed with the Town for seven (7) years. Thus, he is owed an extra week for last year and this year he will get three (3) weeks of vacation. After some discussion, Commissioner Pick made a Motion that Clyde should take an extra week this year (giving him four (4) weeks of vacation this year) in lieu of getting paid for the extra week. Commissioner Handy seconded the Motion. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye.

Public Comment

1. Town Attorney Steve Cox said that on page 4 of the March-April Issue of MML Magazine, there was an article by Commissioner Handy about the Summer Convention and there was a very nice picture of her next to the article. Commissioner Handy received a well-earned round of applause for her work with MML. She spoke of the experience and that now everyone knows where Hebron is and they will talk about it. Commissioner President Phippin advised that two (2) separate MML Members had come through Town to check out the Train Depot precisely because of Commissioner Handy's work in the MML and Hebron's name and location is becoming known.

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Adjournment

A Motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Pick to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Amelia A. Handy, Secretary