

**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 19, 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.

Budget Workshop

Commissioner President Handy advised that prior to this meeting, there had been a Budget Workshop regarding budgetary issues.

Closed Meeting

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

Agenda

Commissioner Pick 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 5, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A Motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Pick seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Building Permits

Building Permit #1351 was for Thomas McClung at 104 Elm Street for a driveway. The question of what kind of driveway it was going to be (e.g. gravel, asphalt, etc.) was raised. Commissioner Pick suggested that Clyde and Jimmie look at the proposed driveway and see if a

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box around the water/sewer connections is needed. After some discussion, Commissioner Abrams made a Motion that the Building Permit be approved contingent on the type of driveway, where the water/sewer lines are in relation to the driveway and the proper safeguards depending on the location. Commissioner Pick seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Building Permit #1352 was for Adam and Becca Harkness at 301 East Walnut Street to install a new fence. After some discussion, Commissioner Sebald made a Motion to approve the Building Permit as long as it is within the setbacks on the right side. Commissioner Abrams seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Approval of Checks

After the Commissioners reviewed the checks, Commissioner Abrams made a Motion to approve the checks. Commissioner Sebald seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Police Report

There was no Police Report.

Old Business

1. Speed Sign Update

Commissioner President Handy advised that the Speed Sign located at 208 North Main Street had been tested. It was working, but only with an extension cord because we need two (2) new batteries. We could get four (4) new batteries and a battery charger. Acting Town Administrator Colby B. Phippin said that he was looking into a solar charger. The Speed Sign has been painted and a cracked piece of plexiglass was discovered. Jimmie Jones of the Public Work Department will get a new piece this Thursday or Friday.

Public Hearing on the proposed Budget

At 6:15 p.m., Commissioner President Handy interrupted the Old Business portion of the Meeting and initiated the Public Hearing on the proposed Budget. She pointed out that the Wicomico County Tipping Fee would be increased. The County Landfill is running out of room and it is estimated that there is only six (6) years left in the current Landfill area. The increase will be to \$78 per ton and that will only be until January 2025, when it is projected to increase again. Commissioner President Handy asked if any member of the public had any questions or comments about the Budget and there were none. Commissioner Abrams made a Motion to approve the

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Budget. Commissioner Sebald seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

Old Business - Continued

2. Memorial Garden Update

Commissioner Sebald advised that he needed enough bricks for a 20x20x2' high wall with a concrete footer. He received a written quote for the bricks of \$3,900. He asked for assistance to dig the footer.

New Business

1. Lawn Mower Purchase

Commissioner President Handy advised that the Town's current mower is a 54" Zero-Turn mower that cost \$6,700 in 2016 and incurs approximately \$500 per year in service. The Hardware Store has a new 2024 model for sale at \$10,000, that they are willing to sell it to the Commissioners for \$8,000. It is a Dixon 60" Zero-Turn mower. After some discussion, Commissioners Sebald and Abrams indicated that they would pass on it and no motion was made regarding any lawn mower purchase.

2. Commissioner for Planning Commission

Commissioner President Handy advised that she had been the Commissioner who was also on the Planning Commission, but since she is now the President of the Commissioners, that someone else should do it and that she would step down. After some discussion, Commissioner Dwyer volunteered to be the Commissioners' representative on the Planning Commission. Commissioner Sebald made a Motion to appoint Commissioner Dwyer to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Pick seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

3. Scrap Metal Fees

There was discussion about what happens to the money that was paid for the scrap metal taken to the yard by members of the Public Works Department. Evidently, when Clyde and Jimmie took the scrap to Salisbury Scrap Metal, Inc., they kept the money and that there was no accounting for it. Commissioner Pick said that this year he had seen the amount of scrap metal, which he did not believe was much, and told Clyde and Jimmie to do the same thing with what had been collected as they did last year. Ernie Carbaugh said that what he saw was maybe \$300 worth of scrap metal but Commissioner Pick said that he did not think that there was anything close to that value. Commissioner Abrams said that Clyde and Jimmie should take the scrap metal, but should bring back the receipts and the money and the Commissioners would disburse the funds.

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Commissioner Dwyer said that she believed that there should be an audit trail. After some discussion, Commissioner Pick made a Motion that in the future, the receipts and the money should be turned into the Town and that the Commissioners would determine what to do with it. Commissioner Sebald seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye.

4. Kim Sebald

Commissioner President Handy advised that Kim Sebald had been hired at \$15.00 an hour to staff the Town Hall while Robin is out. After some discussion, Commissioner Abrams made a Motion to approve of doing what was proposed. Commissioner Dwyer seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous and the Chair voted Aye, except that Commissioner Sebald abstained from voting because Kim Sebald is his wife.

5. Town Administrator

Commissioner President Handy advised that Colby Phippin will be working as the Acting Town Administrator for a trial period of 3 months or until the position is filled.

6. State Highway Administration Meeting

Commissioner President Handy advised that the State Highway Administration will hold a meeting at 660 West Road in Salisbury tomorrow night (June 20, 2024) at 6:30 p.m.

7. Meeting with Julie Giordano

Commissioner President Handy advised that Wicomico County Executive Julie Giordano will hold a meeting at the Delmar Fire Hall on June 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

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

1. Burton Hatton asked about the Seagull Trash Cans. He was advised that Seagull would be delivering them next week.

2. Ernie Carbaugh advised that the Flea Market will be out this Saturday (June 22, 2024) and urged all to come out and see it.

3. Commissioner President Handy advised that the list of the vendors for the Flea Market is located at the Town Hall.


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4. Commissioner President Handy advised that we received a Thank You from Westside Intermediate School for helping the students go to Kansas City for their participation in Destination Imagination.
5. Ernie Carbaugh said that there will be a Block Party in Hebron on July 27, 2024.
6. Commissioner President Handy said the next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Commissioners, which is set for July 3, 2024, will be cancelled due to its proximity to the July 4th Holiday. The next regular meeting will be July 17, 2024.
7. Ernie Carbaugh said that on July 6th there will be a Bicycle Parade and Fireworks.
8. Commissioner Abrams said that the 3 Scoops Ice Cream Shop would be opening soon.

Adjournment

A Motion was made by Commissioner Pick and seconded by Commissioner Abrams to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was passed unanimously and the Chair voted Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kenneth L. Pick, Secretary