

Commissioners of Hebron  
100 North Main Street  
P.O. Box 299  
Hebron, Maryland 21830

**MINUTES**

July 1, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

The commission was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Rick Dwyer with Commissioners David Hooper, Colby Phippin, Amelia Handy and Chester Sebald in attendance. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited by everyone who was in attendance.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of June 17, 2020 meeting were presented. Commissioner Sebald made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hooper. The motion was passed unanimously.

**POLICE REPORT**

1. Captain Babe Wilson was in attendance and briefed those in attendance on: a) Education including fall sports, virtual learning and possible solutions for the fall. He added 7,000 tablets had been purchased and distributed as part of Covid relief. b) Crime reports showed seizure of three illegal firearms, but not a big uptick in statistics. c) 2022 was the expected completion date of the new Sheriff facilities. d) Staff vacancies were being recruited from the academy. e) Jury trials to begin in October.

## **GUEST**

Speaker Pro Tem Sheree Sample-Hughes District 37A: Dorchester & Wicomico Counties provided an update: a) Broadband initiative moving forward through collaboration with the Choptank Electric Cooperative. b) The Kerwin report on education, although passed was vetoed by the Governor. c) Board of Licenses regarding alcohol was a joint effort between city and county moving forward. d) Covid update reflected rainy day funding utilized for strike teams and to assist hospitals, nursing homes and homeless shelters. e) Police reform and accountability working group was focused on physical and mental fitness and focused on updating the current Bill of Rights which protected officer records from transferring with officer relocation. f) Styrofoam ban has been extended to October. g) Minimum wage increase to \$15 still planned to become effective 1/1/21. h) No special session planned to date. i) State funding cuts for public works eminent.

## **SWEARING OF COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICERS**

Town Attorney Steve Cox swore in incumbent Rick Dwyer and incoming Commissioner Colby Phippin for two-year terms.

Slate of officers follows:

President – Rick Dwyer, a motion was made to nominate Rick Dwyer for President by Commissioner David Hooper and seconded by Chester Sebald. All voted in favor.

Vice President – David Hooper, a motion was made to nominate David Hooper by Commissioner Chester Sebald and seconded by Rick Dwyer. All voted in favor.

Secretary – Amelia Handy, a motion was made to nominate Amelia by Commissioner Chester Sebald and seconded by David Hooper. All voted in favor.

Treasurer – Chester Sebald, a motion was made to nominate Chester Sebald by Commissioner David Hooper and seconded by Rick Dwyer. All voted in favor.

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Colby Phippin, a motion was made to nominate Colby Phippin by Commissioner Rick Dwyer and seconded by David Hooper. All voted in favor.

## **BUILDING PERMITS – None to Report**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. HUR Funds – TIS Estimate was presented by President Dwyer. Consensus was to move forward finding funding sources.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Maryland Broadband – Progress in enhancing Cell/Internet service in Hebron was reported by President Dwyer.

## **OTHER**

1. Accomplishments/Open Action Item Lists Fiscal 2020 – President Dwyer presented a list of Accomplishments and Open Action Items prepared by the Town Manager. Town Manager was asked to post the Accomplishments information on the website and set up a Workshop for 6:00 pm 7/15 to discuss prioritizing open action items.
2. WalkWicomico correspondence was read by President Dwyer announcing a new phone app as Hebron was a participant in the program.
3. Commissioner Sebald brought up the concern surrounding vehicles at the Chestnut Street property. After discussion, staff was directed to follow up with Dan Hogg, Code Enforcement Officer.
4. Commissioner Hooper brought up the urgency to address the livestock issues.
5. Commissioner Sebald brought up the need for a fourth service truck.
6. Commissioner Sebald brought up the need to move forward with Sustainable Communities initiative. Dan Parsons, member of the Planning Commission stated Town Attorney Steve Cox was working on it.
7. Commissioner Sebald brought up the duplication of representation on the Planning Commission by town commissioners. Both Amelia Handy and Colby Phippin stated a resolution would be announced at the next Planning Commission scheduled for July 9, 2020.
8. Commissioner Sebald brought up the initiative of putting flags on streetlight poles, stating they could be purchased from Gardner Signs and the town would provide brackets, installation and maintenance.
9. Commissioner Sebald brought up the Landscaping Garden concept for the Maryland Transportation Authority property along the abandoned rail road tracks. Commissioner Hooper presented a concept drawing.

10. Commissioner Phippin mentioned he had a contractor interested in bidding on the portico. Town Manager Julie Bellamy stated only one bid had been received to date.

## **APPROVE CHECKS**

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| 7-01-20 Commissioner Payroll    | Check Nos. 50010 - 50014 |
| 7-01-20 Commissioner Fund Bills | Check Nos. 18292 - 18300 |
| 7-01-20 Sewer Fund Bills        | Check Nos. 6868 – 6871   |

Commissioner Handy made a motion to approve the checks listed above for payment and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hooper. The Motion was passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Sebald. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amelia Handy, Secretary