

**Commissioners of Hebron
100 North Main Street
Post Office Box 299
Hebron, Maryland 21830**

**Minutes of the Commissioners of Hebron Special Meeting As Held on
Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commissioner President Colby B. Phippin. Commissioners Kenneth L. Pick, Chester M. Sebald, and David L. Hooper were present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all who were in attendance. The Commissioners then moved directly into Old Business, which was the only item on the Agenda.

Old Business

1. Street Sweeping.

Commissioner President Phippin talked about the streets in the Town of Hebron. He said that he believes that the County has not performed street maintenance in about ten (10) years. However, the State still does the maintenance on Lillian Street and Main Street because those are State roads. He said that a street sweeper could be used on the streets with curbs and gutters to clean out the gutters so that the storm water could effectively pass through into the storm drains. He has found a 2015 street sweeper attached to a Chevy Silverado owned by D. M. Taylor that has 160,000 miles on it. The engine in the truck was replaced 30,000 miles ago. The machine that would do the work is a 31 horsepower Kohler engine on the rear of the truck with an attachment that goes down to the ground and, instead of sweeping, would vacuum the material. A side broom on the drivers side removes debris from the curbs and gutters and throws it into the vacuum. The entire setup needs some minor repairs that Ken Abrams estimated to be about \$2,500. Commissioner President Phippin said that a new one would cost around \$100,000 and that the fellow selling this one was asking \$25,000, but that he would be willing to sell to the Town for \$20,000. The Seller would pay for the inspection and if anything was wrong, then the Seller would work with us on the purchase price.

Commissioner Amelia A. Handy arrived at 5:03 p.m.

Commissioner President Phippin said that he found out that the only person who really does this sort of thing, that is sweep streets in the area is D&J Sweeping. He said that Mardela pays \$660 per quarter and that Vienna pays \$630 per quarter for their street sweeping. The sweeping would take place once per quarter if Hebron hired that company. He estimated that if all

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of the streets were swept, the cost would be approximately \$2,000 to \$2,500 per quarter. If we get a 4" hose, then we could also use the machine to clean out the immediate area inside of the storm drains.

Commissioner President Phippin pointed out that the \$1.4 Million Grant that we received, and maintenance is Step 1 of the storm water management in Town. Thus if we had a street sweeper, we could also maintain the gutters and make sure that they are free of debris.

Commissioner Hooper said that if we purchased a street sweeper, then perhaps we could go to Mardela and charge them \$600 and use that income to pay for part of the cost of the street sweeper.

Bill Zittle, President of the Chapel Branch HOA, pointed out that we would be getting essential a 10 year old vacuum for \$20,000. He also pointed out that there would be maintenance on the machine and estimated that the total cost would actually be closer to \$30,000. He stated that these machines have a seven (7) to nine (9) year life span, and that this one is already almost 10 years old. He said that it would take a lot of years to get our money out of the truck and that we would have to have a garage for it. Commissioner President Phippin said that we do have a garage available. Bill said that there are a lot of moving parts to the potential purchase and that we should figure out the manhours associated with it. He wanted it on the record that he did not think that it was a good idea.

Commissioner President Phippin said that this sort of an opportunity does not come up often and that if we did not buy it, then the Seller had another person who may be buying it the next day. Commissioner President Phippin said that he had found another street sweeper that was an Isuzu Cab over a Truck body with a street sweeper attached. It was for sale for \$12,000 and that seller admitted that it was nothing but junk, perhaps useful for parts. He talked to a National Street Sweeper Broker about these.

Commissioner Pick said that he thought the upper amount that we would spend would be \$30,000. He mentioned that we only have approximately four (4) miles of street with curbing and that we can do more than just those four (4) miles. He also pointed out that if we buy the street sweeper, we could sweep any time we want and not be limited to once per quarter.

Jack Presley asked how the Town would pay for it and Commissioner President Phippin said that he would recommend to use half from ARPA funds and the other half from Highway User Funds. He pointed out that we had used the Highway User Funds to partially pay for the tractor. Bill Zittle said that if the Highway User Funds were used to pay an outside contractor to do our street sweeping, then we would not be out any money.

The public's general consensus was that Hebron should advertise a bid for street sweeping services and get actual quotes on an outside contractor doing the sweeping before any action is taken.

Commissioner Hooper indicated that he was for purchasing the street sweeper.

Commissioner Handy indicated that if there was a Motion, then she would abstain because she did not know enough about it.

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Commissioner Sebald said that he would like it done every week or every other week and we could get a bid for that frequency. He said that if this particular street sweeper was gone tomorrow that we should jump on the next one that comes available.

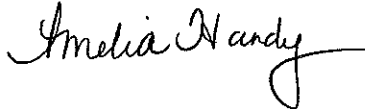
Bill Zittle said that we could all agree that the streets needed to be clean.

After all of the discussion, no action was taken.

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 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amelia A. Handy". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Amelia A. Handy, Secretary