

**HEBRON TOWN COUNCIL
RECORDED WORKSHOP
MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2026**

The Recorded Workshop Meeting was called to order by John Spinks, Jr. Attending in person at Assemble Hall were Mike Wallace, John Spinks, Sondra Reis, Jonathan Peceny, Jamie Uzelac, Linda Brebner, Josh Noel, Brett Galvan, Don Ensign and Bob Gertzen, Utility Services.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following topics were discussed.

John noted a change in the agenda due to the length of the prior meetings. He introduced Ms. Torres from Everybody Counts. Ms. Torres explained that Everybody Counts is a non-profit organization that has been in Lake County since 1986. She explained their mission is to promote community accessibility for individuals with disabilities. The Town was praised for its current accessibility, and the council agreed to co-sponsor a future event community input on further improvements. John asked the council members if this matter should be added to the June agenda. Each member indicated yes.

John introduced Samantha Aguilar from the Health Coalition of Porter County and Jack Lipsli, Park Board member. Ms. Aguilar presented facts and options for the installation of "Naloxone" boxes in the community. While the council expressed interest in providing more information to the public, there was debate regarding the appropriateness of installing additional boxes in public parks. The council suggested signage directing people to existing locations or utilizing alternative township properties.

ATTORNEY REPORT – Fee Ordinance – A first reading was conducted at the May council meeting, and it should be added to the June Council Agenda.

BUILDING – DR Horton Occupancy Permits – The switch is scheduled to be installed and once it is installed, we will be good to go with issuing occupancy permits.

Sondra raised the issue of no lights at the entrance to Misty Glen. Brad will investigate the issue.

BZA – No report.

CLERK-TREASURER

- The council discussed the need for a budget meeting to review department submissions and discussed the process for managing a 4% levy increase to stay within contractual obligations. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Budget meeting will be held on June 18, at 6:00 p.m.

Website Update - What is happening is something they call the end-of-lifeline of the website which is coming to an end and the Town must migrate by Feb. 1, 2027. However,

the rules changed and the Town doesn't have to be compliant until 2028. The upgrade cost is going up to \$1,000.00 a year. This is an agenda item.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sondra stated the fire department has questioned whether the Town would be keeping the budget the same as last year or will it have a 4% increase. Discussion followed: Contractually the Town has to, but a 4% increase would make the Town inside of our contract which needs to either be approved or denied by the State. The only problem with doing an isolated 4% increase is that the line could be funded without the rest of the budget being done. So, if the Town is going to do the 4% increase, we need to submit it as a 4% increase across the board and then get it denied and adjust it to stay with the language. So, I'm going to ask that we hold on to this budget because this is the one that you're recommending but based on a contract we have to submit the other night and I think exactly what Sondra had suggested is we get it back if it's not what we're asking for then we change it back to this and then we can adjust from there but we know that this will work out.

PARK DEPARTMENT

No additional report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Have the permit for July 4th
- The 4th of July Committee agreed to the expenditure of \$300.00 for additional officer coverage.

Monthly Report – Agenda topic.

PLAN COMMISSION

Plan Commission Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

PUBLIC WORKS

Life Station Transfer Switch – Agenda topic

Sanitary Sewer Line Smoke Testing Quotes – Wessler Engineering quotes for sanitary sewer line smoke testing for approximately 26 sanitary manhole inspections, smoke testing notifications, approximately 5,950 LF of sanitary sewer smoke testing, and preparation of report detailing the results of the investigations in the Cobb Creek area. The Cobb Creek area includes sanitary sewers along Cobb Creek north of the treatment plant to State Road 8 along with the Vitrified Clay sanitary sewers along Norbeh Drive. Agenda topic.

South Water Tower Evaluation/Rehabilitation Quote – Dixon Engineering submitted a report in 2023 regarding a leak, and it appears nothing was done at that time as Dixon

Engineering was told there was not leak. Now we have leakage and, perhaps, it is time to look at the Water Tower. Dixon Engineering Inc. quote for specification, coating, and weld observations on the 100,000-gallon Double Ellipse water storage tank in the amount \$36,200. Agenda topic.

Taylor Arturo Pay Rate – An update was provided on an hourly rate issue for an hourly employee, with the council suggesting a salary ordinance adjustment to address the discrepancy.

Monthly Report – Attached hereto.

REDEVELOPMENT

No Report

SHARED ETHICS

No report.

STROMWATER BOARD

No report.

TAC

No report.

TOURISM

No report.

TRAFFIC

The council addressed a traffic concern, emphasizing that such issues should be directed to the non-emergency police line rather than administrative offices.

TOWN COUNCIL

AIM SEA1 Document – John suggested that all Councilmember should review this document.

Censure Resolution –

DLGF Memos – John again suggested that everyone look at these memos.

Recording Secretary -

SBOA City and Town Bulletin – Discussion.

IMPORTANT DATES/MEETINGS

6-6-2026	Block Party
6-11-26	Nitco Road Closure, N. Washington Street 7 am-5 pm – Customer Appreciation Day
10-2-2026 to 11-4-26	Early Voting for General Election