

**HEBRON TOWN COUNCIL  
HEBRON UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2021**

The Hebron Town Council and Hebron Utility Regulatory Commission meeting of March 16, 2021 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Dave Peeler. In attendance were Councilmen Todd Adamczyk, Dave Peeler, Kevin Joseph, Justin Albright, and John Spinks, Jr.; MCO Representative Randy Decker; Building Inspector Ken Caravana; Clerk-Treasurer Jamie Uzelac; Marshall Josh Noel; Ed Fisher and Josh Carter, Hebron Fire Department; Park Board President Linda Brebner; Town Attorney Theodore A. Fitzgerald; and Recording Secretary Joanne Hansen. This meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

**Utility Adjustments** - None

**Approvals of Minutes** - On motion of Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Albright, and duly carried 5-0, the February 16, 2021 Town Council Minutes, February 17, 2021 Executive Session Minutes, and the March 9, 2021 Workshop Minutes were approved as presented.

**Docket** – President Peeler read the docket totals for March 16, 2021: Total \$960,545.65, Transfer \$298,301.53 and Net \$662,244.12. On motion of Councilman Adamczyk, seconded by Councilman Joseph, and duly carried 5-0, the Docket was approved as presented.

**Approval of Bills to be paid from Wastewater SRF**

McMahon & Associates, Inc. - \$13,245.07 - On motion of Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Albright, and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved the payment.

McMahon & Associates, Inc. - \$4,600.00 - Change Order #5 - On motion of Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Adamczyk, and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved the payment of \$4,600.00 for Change Order #5.

Abonmarche - payment of \$2,000.00 - On motion of Councilman Spinks, seconded by Councilman Albright, and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved payment of \$2,000.00.

**Resolutions and Ordinances**

**Resolution 2021-03-16 - Transfer Resolution** - On motion of Councilman Adamczyk, seconded by Councilman Joseph, and duly carried 5-0, Resolution 2021-03-16 was passed and adopted.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BSI Agreement for Backflow Policy - \$495.00 annually** - MCO Representative Randy

Decker stated that this expense is for a third party company to manage the Backflow Policy, He further noted that there will be a \$4.00 charge to the commercial customers. On motion of Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Albright, and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved this annual cost of \$495.00.

**MB Controls for Dialer System - \$3,256.00** - Randy Decker stated that there are no parts available for the Town's old system and that the Town needs to purchase the new unit. He noted that this is a warning dialer and there is annual fees of \$200.00. Discussion ensued. On motion Councilman Spinks, seconded by Councilman Joseph, and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved the purchase of the dialer system at the cost of \$3,256.00.

**Wellhead Protection Plan 5 - \$1,500.00** - Randy Decker stated that the cost is necessary in order to update the Town's current Wellhead Protection Plan. On motion of Councilman Spinks, seconded by Councilman Joseph, and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved this cost of \$1,500.00.

**Risk & Resilience Assessment - Wessler Engineering \$17,000.00** - In motion of Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Adamczyk, and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved the payment of \$17,000.00 to Wessler Engineering.

**Backflow Prevention Policy** - On motion of Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Albright, and duly carried 5-0, the Backflow Prevention Policy was approved as presented.

**Knights of Columbus Request for a Fund Raiser for Special Olympics and other charities in Porter and Lake County** - The date of this event is May 8, 2021 from 8AM to 12 Noon and the event will be held at the corner of State Rt. 8 and Main Street. On motion of Councilman Spinks, seconded Councilman Albright, and duly carried 5-0, the Council gave its approval. The Police Department will provide an officer to assist in traffic control.

### Department Reports

**Public Works** - A copy of MCO Representative Randy Decker's report is attached to and made a part of these minutes. In addition to this report, Mr. Decker reported as follows:

**Iron Filters** - Mr. Decker reported iron filters were repaired, but it is only a temporary fix. He stated in 2013 the cost to rehab the filters were \$60,000.00 and now the cost is coming back at more than \$100,000.00 for the two filters. He will have estimates for next month's meeting.

**Wessler Subdivision Agreement of \$28,000.00** - Mr. Decker noted that he just received this agreement prior to the meeting and has not had the opportunity to review it. Attorney Fitzgerald stated that this agreement would need be to be approved at a Public Hearing and everyone needs to take a closer look at the study.

Mr. Decker asked approval to bring back Jami Maslin Norris to help out at the water/sewer plant. He noted that her start date would be May 29, 2021. On motion of

Councilman Spinks, seconded by Councilman Joseph, and duly carried 5-0, the request was approved.

**HRC** - Councilman Joseph reported that they are waiting for the subdivision engineering and hookup costs to send to Matt Reardon.

**Police Department** - A copy of the Police Report submitted by Josh Noel is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Chief Noel further reported as follows:

The new vehicle is now in service and the Department is seeking permission from the Council to sell the Charger on social media. On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Adamczyk, and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved the taking of bids for the old cruiser.

Porter County Dispatch is switching over to a new system which will make the Department's current laptops obsolete. Chief Noel stated the cost to upgrade the computers will be \$2,000.00 each for a total of \$16,000.00. He noted that the Department applied for a \$14,000.00 grant through Porter County Substance Abuse Council and the Department was awarded the grant.

Out of Town Function Request - Officer Sadja asked for approval for an out of town function at the end of May. He noted that this is a recertification seminar for him and Bane. The seminar is a national weekly seminar being held in Oklahoma and is 100% paid by the Department. On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Adamczyk, and duly carried 5-0, this out of town function request was approved.

**Fire Department** - Ed Fisher stated that the Department has responded to 136 calls this year. There was a discussion regarding the needed roof repairs. It was determined that the Department needs to get a quote.

**Parks** - President Brebner reported that they are working on the Easter event scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup>. She said goody bags will be distributed in each age group and some of the bags will contain a token for a prize. She further stated that local businesses have provided stuff to be put into the bags, Albansse Candy provided 600 bags of gummy bears, and the Easter Bunny will be present. Chief Noel said he would have an officer on stand-by for the event.

**Building Department** - Building Inspector Ken Caravana reported as follows:

126 contract licenses have been issued for 2021, which is 34 more than last year;

8 permits have been issued - \$8,500.00 in fees;

804 W. Sigler was purchased by a guy from California and he plans to upgrade the property;

Super Market floor is down and it should open in the next month or so;

Lazlo property - has a well pump, but no septic. The outside building is gone. Following a lengthy discussion, the Council stated that the well pump must be removed and directed Mr. Caravana to inform Mr. Lazlo.

**Attorney Report** - The offer of settlement was submitted to Grdinich, but he has heard nothing. Depositions of Theodore A. Fitzgerald and Dave Peeler are scheduled sometime this month, but the Town's attorney has tested positive for COVID and he is unsure as to the status of these depositions.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that a public hearing needs to be scheduled for the amended Ordinances approved by the Plan Commission.

Fairland and Industrial Park - Child's Memorial Park - Clerk-Treasurer Uzelac asked for the status of the easements for this Park. Attorney Fitzgerald stated that the Town needs to order a survey of the property and suggested using Turning Point from DeMotte.

American Rescue Act - \$760,000.00 - President Peeler announced that the Town received \$760,000.00, but that this money has a lot of strings attached to it. He noted that the documents need to be studied.

There being no further business before the Council, on motion of Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Adamczyk, and duly carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jamie Uzelac, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved

  
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Dave Peeler, President