

**HEBRON TOWN COUNCIL
HEBRON UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2009**

The Hebron Town Council and Hebron Utility Regulatory Commission Meeting of May 19, 2009 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Donald Ensign. In attendance was Councilmen Jeff Grogan, Pete Breuckman, David Peeler and Donald Ensign; Councilwoman Joyce Kaczmariski; Clerk-Treasurer Terri Waywood; Town Marshall Steve Sibbrell; Public Works Director Steve Martin and Employee Larry Worley; Attorney Theodore A. Fitzgerald and Recording Secretary Joanne Garrett-Hansen.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, on motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 5-0, the minutes of April 21, 2009 and April 27, 2009 were approved as presented.

Docket - President Ensign read the docket totals for May 19, 2009: Total Disbursed \$527,176.45; Transfers \$249,538.35 and Net Disbursed \$277,638.10. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman Kaczmariski and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved the docket as presented.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report - Clerk-Treasurer Waywood reported that the Town has not received the last 2008 tax draw of approximately \$40,000.00. She noted that her office was informed that the Town would probably not see this draw until October and that no tax bills will be submitted in 2009 and they probably will be submitted February 2010 at the earliest. She noted that the County is not sending estimated bills in 2009. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Waywood reported that the Town received a CEDIT deposit for May in the amount of \$24,166.06. She further reported that a budget workshop will be held on May 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Mrs. Waywood asked for approval to transfer \$35,000.00 from Waste Water Surplus to Waste Water Operating. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Peeler and duly carried 5-0, this request was approved.

Utility Adjustments

Robert Stump - Mr. Stump stated that his February bill indicated 54,000 gallons of water was used. He reported that he hired a plumber to look into a possible problem and the plumber did not find any leaks. He noted that his normal month usage is between 2,000-3,000 gallons. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Peeler and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved an adjustment to the past 12 months of usage on the sewer portion of this bill.

Dave Fishero - Mr. Fishero was not in attendance. On motion of Councilman

Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Grogan and duly carried 5-0, this request was tabled until next month.

Brian Waitus - Mr. Waitus was not in attendance. On motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Grogan and duly carried 5-0, this request was tabled until next month.

Old Business

Trustmark Recovery - Clerk-Treasurer Waywood reported that Attorney Ted Fitzgerald reviewed and approved the proposed contract. On motion of Councilman Peeler, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved this contract.

New Business

Rauscher Community Image Marketing - Street Banners – “Banner Bob” presented the Council with a brief overview of his company which sells advertising space to local merchants, produces and maintains banners. He noted that there is no cost to the Town as the banners are paid for by the local merchants. Discussion ensued. Attorney Fitzgerald noted that he wanted to review any contract. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved the banners and Rauscher Community Image Marketing pending a favorable approval of the contract by Attorney Fitzgerald.

Traffic Safety - Discussion ensued regarding the need for stop signs on Park Place. Suggested location for these signs were Apple Court, Tulip Court, Elm and Cherry. On motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Grogan and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved the installation of three way stop signs at the intersection of Apple Court and Tulip Court, pending approval from the Traffic Committee.

Out of Town Functions - The out of town request submitted by Theodore A. Fitzgerald to attend a two-day MLAW seminar (June 11th and 12th) in Indianapolis was approved on motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilwoman Kaczmarek and Councilman Peeler.

The out of town request submitted by Theodore A. Fitzgerald and Brian E. Less to attend a one day/one night conference in Indianapolis was approved on motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Peeler and duly carried 5-0.

H&G Final Payment - Attorney Fitzgerald asked that the Council approve this payment pending the receipt of lien holder waivers. On motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Grogan and duly carried, the Council approved this payment pending the waivers.

Resolution 2009-05-19 - Endorsing Dunes-Kankakee Trail Plan - President Ensign

read this Resolution. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 5-0, Resolution 2009-05-19 was passed and adopted.

Resolution 2009-05-19A - Transfer Resolution - President Ensign read this Resolution. On motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Peeler and duly carried 5-0, Resolution 2009-05-19A was passed and adopted.

ABATE Award - Jack Hansen presented the Town of Hebron with the Freedom of the Road Award from Porter County Chapter of ABATE.

Bond Counsel - SRF Loan - Attorney Fitzgerald reported that his office received three bids for Bond Counsel (\$15,000.00, \$12,500.00 and \$11,000.00). He noted that the lowest bid was from Betty Dodd and he recommended that the Town retain Ms. Dodd to assist with this project. He further noted that his office would serve as local bond counsel. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Peeler and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved the hiring of Betty Dodd as bond counsel for the SRF loan.

Department Reports

Parks - Steve Sibbrell reported that the department is getting ready for the Soap Box Derby which is scheduled for June 28th. Clerk-Treasurer Waywood reminded the Department that they must obtain liability insurance.

Alyea Park - Mr. Sibbrell noted that the park equipment is being installed.

Police Department

Chief Sibbrell reported that DARE graduation is May 20th, the new squad is on the road, and MDTs (Mobile Data Terminals) are being installed in cars. He further reported that Ida Swartz and he are taking IDEX tests. He further reported that the grant for cameras has been submitted.

Promotions - Chief Sibbrell requested permission to promotion Officer Spurr to First Class Patrolman effective June 2. On motion of Councilwoman Kaczmariski, seconded by Councilman Grogan and duly carried 5-0, this request was approved.

Repairs - Chief Sibbrell reported that Car 6 was damaged in the parking lot and has been temporarily fixed. It was a broken headlight.

Fire Department - The Fire Department received 39 calls in April. They are accepting new members.

Public Works - Public Works Director Steve Martin reported that leaf pickup has ended

for the year and it will resume in October. He further noted that the Department is still picking up limbs.

Mr. Martin reported that mosquito spraying started last week and it will continue once weekly.

Valpo Tire - Mr. Martin asked for permission to purchase tires for three vehicles (12 tires) at the cost of \$2,175.00 and to purchase tires for leaf machine (six tires) at the cost of \$649.16. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 5-0, this request was approved.

Handicap ramps - Mr. Martin reported that the concrete ramps have been taken care of, but the railing needs to be installed on both sides of the ramp. The Council directed Mr. Martin to look into the costs of the railing and to discuss this matter with Councilman Grogan.

Dumpster Rental - A discussion ensued regarding the cost of renting dumpsters.

Public Comments

Jack Hansen reported that bikers will be collecting for the American Diabetes Association.

Martha Breuckman thanked the Public Works Department for the extra work in picking up limbs.

Clerk-Treasurer Waywood reported that 30 flags were purchased at the cost of \$417.00 and that the flags were made in the USA.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Waywood, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

Donald Ensign, President

