

**HEBRON TOWN COUNCIL
HEBRON UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2010**

The Hebron Town Council and Hebron Utility Regulatory Commission Meeting of January 19, 2010 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 Jim Shelhart; Attorney Theodore A. Fitzgerald and Recording Secretary Joanne Garrett-Hansen.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, on motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Grogan and duly carried 5-0, the minutes of December 22, 2009 were approved as presented.

Docket - President Ensign read the docket totals for January 19, 2010: Total Disbursed \$1,008,099.18; Transfers \$286,582.01 and Net Disbursed \$721,517.17. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved the docket as presented.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report - Clerk-Treasurer Waywood reported that the Town received the final tax draw and that the year-to-date draw was \$517,594.29. She noted that \$400,000.00 which was borrowed from Major Moves has been repaid. She stated that 2010 budget should be approved by the middle of February. Mrs. Waywood announced that the February water bills will contain a note concerning the Census and cards are being sent to all household within the Town and Boone Township.

Public Disclosure Forms - On motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Peeler, the Council authorized Clerk-Treasurer Waywood to send the Disclosure Forms to the State Board of Accounts.

Election of Officers - On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Peeler, the Council elected Don Ensign to serve as President and Pete Brueckman to serve as Vice President.

On motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Peeler and duly carried 5-0, Petry, Fitzgerald & Less, PC will retain it position as Town Attorneys, Joanne Garrett-Hansen will retain her position as Secretary and Carolyn Birky will retain her position on the Porter County Tourism Board.

Utility Adjustments

Bruce Clark - Mr. Clark was not in attendance. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Peeler and duly carried 5-0, noting that this request was tabled from last month, the Council determined that this water bill will stand as written.

Carl Wozniak - Mr. Wozniak stated that this water bill is for occupied rental property. He stated that a pipe broke which was discovered after two large water bills were finalized. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman, the Council approved an adjustment to the past two months of usage on the sewer portion of the bill.

New Business

Resolution 2010-01-19 - Transfer Resolution - President Ensign read Resolution 2010-01-19. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Brueckman duly carried 5-0, Resolution 2010-01-19 was passed and adopted.

Ordinance 2010-01-19 - CEDIT Plans - President Ensign read Ordinance 2010-01-19. On motion of Councilman Peeler, seconded by Councilman Grogan and duly carried 5-0, Ordinance 2010-01-19 was passed and adopted.

Out of Town Function Requests - On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 5-0, the Council approve George Harness' request to attend the IAEI meeting a the cost of \$110.40.

On motion of Councilman Peeler, seconded by Councilman Grogan and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved the request from the Clerk's office for Terri Waywood, Susan Alyea and Maralynn Echterling to attend the State Board of Accounts seminar regarding CTAR in Warsaw, Indiana. Mrs. Waywood noted that her office will be closing at 10:00 am on the day of the seminar to allow for travel.

On motion of Councilman Breuckman, seconded by Councilman Grogan and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved Chief Sibbrell's request to attend the three day Chief's Conference in Indianapolis on January 27, January 28 and January 29. Chief Sibbrell stated that during his absence, Officer McKamie will be in charge.

Facade Grant Application - President Ensign stated that Council received the first Facade Grant Application. Mr. Ensign noted that Ted Fitzgerald recently added siding to his building. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the reason for applying for the grant was to get a little publicity out there for the facade grant program and if his application is approved he will spend the money on an improvement for the Town. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 5-0, this request was granted.

Introduction of County Councilperson - President Ensign introduced newly appointed Marylyn John to the community. Ms. John stated she is finishing out Mike Bucko's term with the County Council. She further noted that she is planning on running for the position in the Spring.

Department Reports

Parks - Mike Spicer reported that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 27, 2010 at 9:00 at Cohen Park. He said 8,000 eggs will be used. The rain date will be the Saturday before Easter.

Mr. Spicer announced that the ice rink is still in limbo.

When asked about the Brookwood Park, Mr. Spicer stated that the Developer, Chris Adams said that home sales are low and funds are unavailable at this time. Mr. Spicer further noted that there is currently no road at the park location.

Mr. Spicer announced that three Satchawaii will be held at Alyea Park this summer. The projected dates are June 19th, July 17th and sometime in August.

Police Department

Chief Sibbrell reported that the FBI is assisting with the Department on the recent bank robbery at 1st Source Bank. He further noted that his office is working on grants and that Miles Folsom was convicted of 36 years. Chief Sibbrell stated that Judge Harper congratulated his department on a job well done in connection with the Folsom matter.

Public Works - Public Works Director Jim Shelhart reported that he priced out the cost of salt for the water softener at the water plant and Morton Salt had the lowest price. He noted that this contract will save the Town \$18,000.00 yearly. He asked for Council approval for this contract. On motion of Councilman Grogan, seconded by Councilman Breuckman and duly carried 5-0, the Council approval this contract pending legal approval.

Mr. Shelhart thanked the Street Department employees for the great job during the recent snow. He noted that the Police Department helped out, but he further noted that the Police Department employees were not compensated by the Town for their time. He further stated that the officers were covered under the Town's insurance.

President Ensign noted that Larry Worley is on the path to recovery and he should be back on the job in February.

Councilman Grogan thanked the Street Department and Police Department for the work during the past storm.

Fire Department

Greg Hoagland reported that the Department had 407 call in 2009 making it a record year. He further stated that the Department hopes this number goes down for 2010.

Hebron Redevelopment Commission - President Ensign reported that the Winterfest is schedule for January 30th from 12:00 to 3:00.

Town Information

President Ensign stated that all 2011 appropriations are to be Pete Visclosky by February 10, 2010 and that assistance is available through a newly formed County Economic Development Board through NIRPC and that these same appropriations will be submitted to them.

Attorney Fitzgerald reported that the final report was submitted last week regarding the Viant property remediation project. He noted that this property was donated to the Town by the Edith Viant Estate. He said that we are waiting for the NFA letter.

Attorney Fitzgerald reminded the Council has a plaque needs to be placed in the parking lot for Chuck Steinberg. He noted that this property was donated to the Town by the Steinbergs. President Ensign said the Beautification Committee needs to come up with a sign.

President Ensign reported that the Hebron Redevelopment Commission has a couple of new ideas coming up to help spur people to buy in Hebron. He noted that the Town needs to retain the current businesses.

Public Comments

Dan Landgrader questioned what the speed limit on Sigler Street was not changed to 25 and why the Town was not removing the snow from the public sidewalks. He suggested that the Town should purchase a John Deere and remove the snow. Chief Sibbrell stated that this area of Sigler Street is a state highway and he has contacted the state. Mr. Landgrader asked when the hole in front of his house would be repaired. President Ensign stated that the Town is working with the state on these items.

Mr. Landgrader questioned the cost of the Santa House and how many kids used it. Councilman Grogan reported that the target cost was \$2,500.00 and that the Santa House was a gift to the community and children. He further explained that a lot of people worked very hard on the project and that it had a lot of good reviews.

Bob Stump asked about his petition to close the road in Norbeh. Joanne Garrett-Hansen, Plan Commission Secretary, asked Mr. Stump to contact her.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Waywood, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

Donald Ensign, President