

Minutes of Regular Council

January 19, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Haver.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present. Present were: Mayor, Larry Haver; Council members, Amy Haver, Mick Pocratsky, Bruce Hart, Ron Beverly, Ron Jones and Ed Foster; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.

Foster moved to approve the January 5 minutes with a correction. The correction being that Beverly voted no on using Housing Rehab funds to put a furnace in a resident's house. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Foster moved to pay the bills with one change. Council agreed to only pay Defiance County CIC \$10,000 at this time with the other \$5,000 being paid when they have someone in town consistently doing something for Hicksville. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals: Meeting minutes were passed out. The board approved a lot split on East High Street so a driveway could be relocated.

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Committee: Pocratsky scheduled another meeting for February 2 at 6:45 p.m. They plan to discuss the Cornelia Street water run off issue that has been ongoing. There is a broken adapter at one of the water wells that could take \$10,000 to repair. Foster & Miller went to a meeting put on by Maumee River Basin Partnership of Local Government to find out how to get more grants.

Personnel Committee: Jones has called a meeting for February 2 at 6 p.m. to discuss FMLA again. Foster wants a opinion from Essex on whether we got good information or not. Troy stated he informally spoke to a couple people. "speaking in general terms, the information given was appropriate." Foster is going to ask Mr. Hire to write the FMLA policy and consider that included in the fee we already been charged. Foster still wants a formal opinion. Beverly moved to pay the \$1,055.20 check to Clemens-Nelson. Jones seconded. Beverly, Haver, Jones, Pocratsky & Hart voted yes. Foster voted no. We are not paying for the six month 2009 retainer offered.

Ordinance Committee: Hart reported he has a draft of a smoke detector ordinance he will have the committee review.

HIXTV: Foster has a list of people to contact about replacing outgoing board members. Librarian, Amy Murphy, has agreed to take over Dusty Harris' term until 2013. Mayor made the recommendation. Foster moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly contacted Laurie Adams & Dr. Miller about the Safe Routes to School program. Ms. Adams advised Beverly that they are only two weeks away from awarding grants and we must not start anything. Some property owners are concerned about their trees being cut down.

Administrator's Report: Kent Miller reported the following:

- Asked council if they would like ODOT do a study to see if the traffic signal at the corner of North Main & E Arthur Street can be removed. The committee will take it under consideration.
- David and Allen are going to attend mosquito classes on Wednesday (21st) in Dayton as part of the mandatory training. Ron and Troy will be heading to Toledo on February 11 & 12 for confined space training.
- The BWC inspected some of the village buildings. A few minor changes are needed along with some policies/training programs to get around at some point
- Bid opening for the Whitten Ave. sewer job will be Feb. 3. This is our Issue II project for 2009.
- Bid opening for a garbage truck is February 10. Council wants Miller to check into getting a truck with a robotic arm.
- Employees completed chipping from the storm of a few weeks ago. The piles of stump grindings for easement trees due to Asplundh's work will be taken care of in the spring or summer.
- Miller would like council's help in choosing new trash cans for downtown.
- We had an inspection of the sewer plant in December. Additional information is needed for a Long Term Control Plan. A resolution for the LTCP will be read later. We need to address a mercury variance issue.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2009-01 approving the Solid Waste Management Plan was read by caption only for the second reading. Foster moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2009-01 was read by caption only for the third reading. Foster moved to approve. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2009-02 accepting and adopting the long-term control plan for the village sewer system was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Foster seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2009-02 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Pocratsky moved to approve. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

Foster moved to approve the officers of the Firefighter's Dependents Fund as presented. Jones seconded. Beverly, Pocratsky & Hart abstained because their names are on the form. Haver, Foster & Jones moved to approve. Mayor Haver voted yes.

Essex reported he has sent a mutual aid letter to several places. He has not heard back from an Indiana agency that he is trying to get information from.

No update on railroad easements.

Clerk's Report: Collins did not have a report.

Police Report: No report was given.

Fire Department: Chief Miller reminded residents to be careful how they thaw their frozen pipes out as there have been recent fires caused by thawing pipes.

EMS Department: Chief Wendy Goeltzenleucter did not have a report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver did not have a report.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.