

Minutes of Regular Council

February 2, 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 19 minutes. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to pay the bills with the exception of the Def. Co. Economic Dev. since it was approved two weeks ago. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Committee: Pocratsky scheduled a meeting for February 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Street/Light/ Property: Beverly reported his committee met. They had the following recommendations: Take out the old grade school traffic signal; Take out the traffic signal at the intersection of Arthur & North Main and have stop signs on Arthur Street; leave the 4-way flashing signal at the corner of North Main & E Smith Street alone. Miller suggested a traffic study may be required for the North Main & Arthur Street signal to be removed. The State Highway would need to give permission to remove it. Kent is going to get more information.

Personnel Committee: Jones reported his committee met at 6 p.m. to discuss FMLA again. More information is needed.

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee is going to meet on February 16 at 6:15 p.m. to check the financial records.

Ordinance Committee: Hart's committee met after the last council meeting. They gave a draft of a smoke detector ordinance to Essex to review and present at the next council meeting. Foster would like the committee to discuss if the current \$50 penalty is high enough.

HIXTV: Foster explained to council that due to a lack of acceptable signal Mediacom is taking a couple stations off the lineup. He has recommendations from the committee what stations to request as replacements but he wanted council approval first. Hart moved to allow HIXTV to petition Mediacom to use certain stations of their choosing as replacement on the empty channels. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. The Statement of Franchise Fee Payment was shared with council. HIXTV survey results were given to council. The next meeting will be February 14th at 8 a.m. HIXTV still plans to move to the new school and are still waiting for fiber optics to be run to the school.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly contacted Laurie Adams about the Safe Routes to School grant. He is waiting to hear if we will receive a grant. He also encouraged residents to call him if they have any concerns.

Administrator's Report: Kent Miller reported the following:

- Miller approved "Kids First" to hang a banner in the middle of town during their annual outreach.
- Industrial Fluid Management, Inc. sent a January Summary/Report for the WWTP.
- Two letters were received from the Ohio EPA. One was related to drinking water projects for the Project Priority List and Economic Recovery. The other letter related to our request for an increase in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit loading limits. Beverly would like to get approved for five million gallons so we have a cushion.
- Miller received correspondence from the Ohio EPA offering a stimulus loan. He does have a project with a construction cost of \$189,000 that he could have ready. Miller stated we are not committed if we submit an application.

Hart commended the village employees and businesses on the great job they did clearing snow during the recent storm.

Miscellaneous:

Essex reported he has sent a mutual aid letter to several places. An Indiana agency is supposed to be sending papers to Essex.

Last week Essex pulled whatever records are at the recorders office regarding the railroad easements. He will get with Kent to sort them out.

Clerk's Report: The MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Reports were passed out. The Defiance County Environmental Services sent a Snow Policy changing the recycling hours when Hicksville schools has a delay or cancellation. Collins was asked by the Beautification Committee to request some help with watering the flower beds and getting the SR 18 welcome sign repaired. The Water & Sewer Committee is going to look at the request for help with watering.

Police Report: No report was given.

Fire Department: Chief Miller passed out the monthly report and told council the FEMA grant was approved. It is not known when the siren will be installed.

EMS Department: Chief Wendy Goeltzenleucter asked council if our paramedic, John Edwards, could be granted a 60 day leave. He owes the village a year of service since we paid \$6,000 for him to take the class. Beverly moved to approve. Hart seconded. All voted yes. If Edwards does not return we will pursue the collection of \$6,000. It was noted a payment plan would also be considered. Essex is supposed to have Edwards sign something before his departure.

Mayor's Report: The Monthly court report was passed out. Mayor Haver reminded everyone of the Rotary Pancake & Sausage supper at the new school on February 14.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.