

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

January 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Haver.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present. Present were: Mayor Haver, Council members, Mick Pocratsky, Ron Jones, Mike Barth, Bruce Hart, Ron Beverly & Mike Headley; Administrator, Kent Miller; Solicitor, Troy Essex; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. There were approximately five visitors.

Pocratsky moved to approve the January 3 regular council minutes. Headley seconded. Hart abstained. Beverly, Jones, Headley, Pocratsky & Barth voted yes.

Hart moved to approve the January 13 special council minutes. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to approve the bills. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Pocratsky reminded everyone that council will have a special council meeting February 2 at 10 am to meet with the EPA. At the special council meeting on January 13 Roberta Acosta and Scott Strahley from RCAP suggested a committee be formed to do some investigating and prepare a plan to address the EPA concerns about a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) on Defiance Avenue in 2010. This could also be the first step towards dealing with our combined sewer overflow (CSO) problems that have caused the EPA to require us to separate sewers all over town. Mayor Haver announced the committee would consist of the Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee members, Sewer Superintendent, Ron Daniels, and Water Superintendent, Jessi Elson. Council was told to look over the Action Plan from Scott Strahley

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met prior to this meeting and audited the books. Everything looked fine.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- Miller received word that the north water tower rehabilitation project will receive Issue II funds to help with that cost. Formal paperwork will be here in a couple months. The south tower project has to be completed before the grant deadline (end of July). This tower needs re-done before we can dump the north tower for interior work. Miller met with AEP today. Essex will provide them with deeds to our property and things will be ready to go. Barth suggested Miller make sure Mediacom is on board. Essex stated he would mention the water tower when he called Mediacom about the lease. It was noted MetaLink has been good to work with.
- Miller would like to crack seal a number of streets this year and is rolling our projects into the County bid. He is hoping their contract price will make it possible to do all he has on the list.

- **Miscellaneous:** Essex reported the following:

He needs to get copies of deeds for the water tower project and would e-mail the deeds to AEP.

He stated he intends to be on a daily crusade to contact Mediacom about the tower lease.

Essex followed up on an idea from Jared Orzolek to discount or give away industrial park property to potential businesses looking to locate in Hicksville. Essex noted that transferring land can be done using the CIC as a conduit. We would need to set a base price and require a certain number of jobs prorated. Each year a certain amount could be forgiven and that way the business has to stay here a certain number of years. Pocratsky wanted this idea pursued rigorously and requested that it be given to a committee and get things moving. Beverly didn't feel it needed to go to a committee. Essex feels guidelines are needed. Mayor Haver wants Jared to come up with a final plan and then present it to council. Troy will contact Jared.

It was decided that Rock Street would not be a one-way street. We would simply limit access to East High Street. No legislation is necessary.

Internet auctions of personal property is legal. Each year the Village could adopt a resolution to sell certain items. The list would need to be published in the newspaper two times. Council can set the terms. Smaller villages may use other web sites that have standard municipal auction procedures. We could post a notice on our own web site that periodically the village sells items on another names site. We can also continue to do auctions the way we already do them. Beverly moved to have Troy type a resolution to allow us to do internet auctions. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2010-16 to increase sewer rates was read by caption only for the third reading. Essex explained the highlights and changes at Headley's request. Jones moved to approve. Barth seconded. Jones, Barth, Beverly, Hart & Pocratsky voted yes. Headley voted no.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: Collins shared the December MTD/YTD Cash Report, the QTD/YTD EMS and Utility billing/collection reports along with a list of the annual property tax fees.

Police Report: Szabo did not have a report.

Fire Report: Miller asked to have a person approved to the Fire Dept. that is waiting for his certification papers and would also work as an EMT. Mayor Haver recommended Chad Andofer be hired pending a good physical and drug screen. Jones moved to approve the Mayor’s recommendation. Headley seconded. Hart abstained.
Headley, Pocratsky, Jones. Barth & Beverly voted yes.

Ems Report: Chief Seevers was not present. No report was given.

Mayors Report: Mayor Haver told everyone that Hicksville received the Silver Advantage Award given out by Ohio Plan Risk Management due to Kent Miller’s efficiency. The December MTD/YTD Mayor’s Court Report was passed out. There will be a meeting at the Defiance County Soil & Water Conservation on February 18 at 8 am at the Evergreen Office Complex to discuss future storm water management in the county.

Beverly made a motion to adjourn. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

MAYOR

CLERK
