

Regular Council Meeting

January 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Headley.

Mayor Headley gave the prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present.

Present were: Council members Mick Pocratsky, Ron Jones, Mark Haver, ,Mike Barth Ron Beverly and Bruce Hart; Solicitor Troy Essex; Administrator Kent Miller and Clerk-Treasurer Diane Collins.

Pocratsky moved to approve the January 5, 2015 minutes. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve the bills after some discussion. Barth seconded. All voted yes. Resident, Vicki Stanley wanted to know how the residents can see the bills and minutes that are being approved. Solicitor Essex suggested a public records request be made for the information or the minutes can be found on the web site.

Resident Vicki Stanley was present. She read Bible scripture and spoke about a “surcharge” relating to utility bills and how residents should get their money back. Solicitor, Troy Essex felt it was time to address inaccurate information previously reported by Stanley at council meetings. His replies referenced a misunderstanding of budgetary issues, building and training expenses to name a few.

Finance Committee: Minutes from the January 5 committee meeting were in council packets.

Administrator’s Report: Miller did not have a report.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2014 – 23 to adopt an Indigent Burial Policy was read by caption only for the third reading. Haver moved to approve. Barth seconded. Haver, Barth, Jones, Hart & Beverly voted yes. Pocratsky voted no.

Resolution 2015 – 01 to hire EMH&T for Phase I of the sewer projects for \$518,000 was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Barth seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2015-01 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Pocratsky moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Police/Fire/EMS Reports: Police Chief Ballinger was present but did not have anything to report. EMS Chief Loni Kesler was present and reported that an Advanced EMT class is starting February 3 and five basic EMT’s are going to take the class. Fire Chief Scott Cramer reported that he is applying for two State Fire Grants.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: Collins passed along the Auditor of State request for information to begin the 2013 & 2014 audit; spread sheet of 2011 through 2015 Property tax comparison by location, and the telephone system quote for the municipal building. Beverly moved to approve purchasing the telephone system from Mike Zimmerman. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to go into executive session for personnel matters. Hart seconded. All voted yes. (6:34 p.m. – 7:27 p.m.) Returned to regular session. Barth moved to return to regular session. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Headley reported that Tony Nighswander, President of APT Manufacturing Solutions is in the process of creating an Engineering Internship which would be hosted at his plant. Due to a lack of engineers in the area, Nighswander has a vision to “produce” them by choosing six students each from Hicksville and Fairview schools and teach them the necessary curriculum for them to be able to do engineering tasks. Several County representatives, schools, colleges, municipalities and state agencies are supporting Nighswander in this venture.

Minutes of one of the meetings regarding Industrial Drive extended was in the council packets. Mayor Headley thanked Larry Haver for bringing all this together. Another meeting was held January 15.

Pocratsky reminded residents to remove snow from their sidewalks.

Mayor Headley thanked Colleen Richter for serving on the Defiance County Health Department Board. He thanked the police, fire, EMS and Village employees for the great job they do.

Hart moved to adjourn. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer