

Regular Council Meeting

February 2, 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.

Haver moved to approve the January 19, 2015 minutes. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

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

Planning Commission: Minutes of a January 22, 2015 public hearing and a Notice of a Public Hearing scheduled for February 12, 2015 were in the council packets.

Resident Vicki Stanley was present. She started out by quoting scripture and then went on to give the definition of "council". She accused council of not responding to her concerns about the sewer surcharge and she wants a response from the elected officials, of which Mr. Essex is not. Stanley wants the citizens of Hicksville to be listened to without rebuke. She stated it is time to separate a sewer and asked council what they are going to do. It was noted in response that Mr. Essex can speak for the group and then Mr. Essex did respond to Ms. Stanley.

Park Board: Minutes of the January 21 meeting were in council packets. It was noted the lifeguards will now get reimbursed over a two year period for the cost of the lifesaving class. Some council members were wondering if the solicitor needed to update the personnel manual or write a policy in order to have this happen. It remained unclear what needed to be done. Barth is the council representative so he will get more information.

Industrial Drive Extended: Minutes from the January 15 meeting with the Commissioners were in the packets. Mayor Headley stated that Kent Miller is working with Warren Schlatter on the project.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported that the five year tower lease agreement with Mediacom expires in November. Essex briefly mentioned the "States" involvement in the cable regulations. The Village was contacted by Mike Dickerson in hopes that we could get started on the renewal process. Miller informed council that Collins had done an e-mail blast to other communities to find out what rates they were paying. Miller asked council what would be an appropriate amount for an increase. Presently they pay \$4,200 per year. Council reflected on the number of letters they have received from Mediacom increasing the rates over the years. Hart moved to lease the water tower to Mediacom for \$8,500 per year. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. Miller informed council he plans to be off a couple days later in the week.

Miscellaneous: There was nothing to report.

Police/Fire/EMS Reports: Police Chief Ballinger suggested the community keep the family of retired Police Chief Robert Stotler in their thoughts and prayers during this time of his passing

The EMS Chief Loni Kesler gave a written report to council. Kessler asked to take Tiffany Volmer off probation as she is doing a great job as an EMT. Mayor Headley recommended that Tiffany Volmer be taken off probation. Pocratsky moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation. Barth seconded. Beverly, Barth, Haver, Jones and Pocratsky voted yes. Hart abstained.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins shared a written MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Report with council.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Headley thanked all the village employees for the great job they do. Defiance Crescent reporter and local resident Peter Greer was recognized for turning 50 years old recently. Mayor Headley repeated Chief Ballinger's sentiments for retired Chief of Police Robert Stotler.

Beverly reminded council that an Indigent Burial ordinance and policy was put in place but we have not gotten an agreement signed. Barth and Beverly volunteered to get an agreement signed. Mayor Headley stated he would appoint someone to do that. Beverly complimented the employees also.

Hart reminded residents to shovel their sidewalks. It was noted that there was an article in the paper about that last week and it seemed to have helped. Mayor Headley stated he would discuss it with the Police Chief on Wednesday.

Beverly moved to adjourn. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer