

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

February 7, 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, & Mike Headley; Administrator, Kent Miller; Solicitor, Troy Essex; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Absent was: Councilmember, Ron Beverly. There were seven visitors.

Hart moved to approve the January 17 regular council minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Pocratsky moved to approve the first bills list in the amount of \$87,293.00. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Pocratsky moved to approve the second bills list in the amount of \$10,450. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Jared Orzolek of the Defiance County Economic Development office was present to present council with another version of the land give away proposal. Essex feels we need to tie the free lot to a mortgage where it is forgiven over a certain period of time. Council seemed agreeable to that idea so he will bring legislation to the next meeting. Jared stated that he appreciates the leads that people have been calling him with. Two companies came to Hicksville to look at buildings recently and there is another site visit planned for this week.

Park Board: The January minutes were in the council packets. Steph Mazur was present to represent the park board.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- Asked council to determine a date to meet with OEPA since the earlier meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.
- Miller has been in touch with ODOT with regards to Rock Street. ODOT has some major reservations about making Rock St. a dead-end. The barricade idea is out as this would present liability issues for us regardless of how well marked they may be. We need to actually detach Rock St. from W. High which entails removing pavement and making a cul de sac, which due to the "hills" is impossible. Since Rock would still be a public road, motorists need to have a turn around available if they get to the end before realizing the road is actually closed off; regardless of not paying attention to signs. ODOT suggested simply putting up signage along Rock stating NO TURN LEFT and RIGHT until we determine the permanent, proper method of making this street a dead end, if that is in fact what you decide. The matter has been referred to the Street/Light/Property Committee.
- The Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee needs to discuss the well proposal for football field in near future. Currently our ordinance on new wells says they should only be drilled for industry. The Health Dept. does not oversee this.
- Miller reported the Community Development Block Grant for 2012 construction needs to be turned in by May 11, 2011. We may only receive around \$7,500 but he needs ideas.

Council decided to set up Special Council Meetings for Tuesday, February 15 at 8 a.m. with RCAP and 10 a.m. with the Ohio EPA.

Miscellaneous: Essex reported the following:

He is hoping we are turning the corner with Mediacom on the tower lease. Miller stated the dish on the ground under the tower is fine but there is still equipment on top that needs to come down. Someone from Mediacom needs to come to the preconstruction meeting also.

Essex explained the terms to use www.govdeals.com as a site to sell village property on the internet. Troy will bring a resolution to the next council meeting to begin the readings.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins passed out the MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Report.

Police Report: Ltn. Willis did not have a report.

Fire Report: Miller did not have a report.

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

Mayors Report: Mayor Haver's January court report was passed out. He announced upcoming events in the village. Mayor Haver and council complimented Kent and the village employees for the great job removing snow recently.

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

MAYOR

CLERK
