

Minutes of Regular Council

February 19, 2007, 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, Larry Haver; Council members, Ron Jones, Ed Foster, Ron Beverly, Mick Pocratsky and Tom Haase; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Amy Haver was absent.

Foster moved to approve the February 5 minutes with additional information that Beverly wanted clarified. In Beverly's Water/Sewer/Refuse committee report he explained that there are some field tiles coming into the Village that need repaired but it is not the Village's responsibility to do so. It would be the rural property owner. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

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

Ordinance Committee: Haase reported the committee met on Feb. 12. They reviewed proposed Ordinance 2007-02 allowing water wells in the Village. They would like some type of permit process through the Administrator so we can approve where the water will be released.

Zoning Inspector, Glenn Elser, asked the committee to consider some ordinance changes. The information was given to the Solicitor.

The committee asked the Police Chief to work with them on golf cart and snowmobile legislation.

Police/Fire/EMS Committee: The committee met on Feb. 12. Foster asked council to support increasing the EMS budget for training from \$5,000 to \$20,000 so we could begin training Advanced EMT's & a paramedic. Council was agreeable and the annual appropriations will be amended to reflect the increase. EMS Squad Chief, Mike Harris, wrote up a re-payment agreement for the Solicitor to approve. Collins reminded council the Training Policy will need changed also. Foster stated Harris does not plan to use State Grant Funds for training in the future.

Foster also reported the Fire Chief is in charge of administering duties & preparing the budget with the assistance of the EMS Squad Chief. The Assistant Fire Chief or whomever is in charge of operations at a fire will be paid for the time it takes to do the paperwork related to the call.

The Rescue Squad is asking firemen to get scheduled as drivers for runs. Harris mentioned there are presently two firemen on the schedule to drive. The committee felt the firemen should be paid to be on call as the EMT's are.

It is time to renew the fire contracts. Mayor Haver stated he has approached Mark Township about a contract.

The committee will meet March 5th.

Cemetery Baord: Jones reported there was a meeting on Feb. 15. Purchase price per plot increased from \$250 - \$275. Opening and Closing fees increased from \$350 - \$375.

Street/Light/Property: Beverly wants his committee to meet after this meeting.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Beverly reported that Miller is trying to line up a meeting with Poggemeyer Design Group to hash over the problems with the WWTP.

Cable TV Committee: Foster reported the committee will meet the first Saturday in March instead of the second.

Administrator's Report: Miller did not have a report. Foster mentioned that he heard a number of comments on the good job that was done with the snow removal this past storm and the fact that the refuse was picked up on schedule on top of that was also impressive. Beverly agreed but commented that he had two calls about the snow removal in front of First Federal.

Miscellaneous: Ordinance 2007-02 re-allowing well drilling within the Village limits was read by caption only for the first reading.

Ordinance 2007-03 authorizing the administrator to enter into contracts for the construction of a new fire hall was read by caption only for the first reading. Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2007-03 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Haase moved to approve. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

Coresouce asked Collins to sign some amendments the insurance Plan. Foster asked that council have a change to review the amendments before authorizing Collins to sign. The proposed changes will be in the next council packets.

The Farm lease was up in November 2006. Essex has been given a copy of the last one. Miller will advertise the bid and then Essex will prepare a new lease.

The lease agreement with the First Church of Christ is being recorded.
There it nothing new on the Hicksville grain easements.
There is nothing new on the East High Street alley running to Edgerton Street.

Clerk’s Report: Collins passed out a MTD/YTD Financial Statement report for January and an updated committee list.

Police Report: Szabo did not have a report.
Fire Department: Elwood did not have a report.

EMS Department: Mike Harris asked to have Jamie Killian approved as a Basic EMT. Mayor Haver recommended Jamie for the EMS department. Foster moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. Harris gave Foster changes he would like made to the bi-laws. Harris reported four EMT’s spent the night at the building so they would be better prepared to respond to any calls during the snow storm. Mayor Haver and Council noted their appreciation for the dedication. Six or seven basic EMT’s have committed to go the Intermediate training. Harris told council he has started a campaign for new EMT’s.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Haver read a proclamation recognizing Career Development at Four County Career Center. The Revolving Loan Committee met and agreed to give out two loans. There may be a sale of a local industry and the possibility of a new one coming to the industrial park.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn

MAYOR CLERK