

Minutes of Regular Council

March 2, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem, Mick Pocratsky.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present.

Present were: Council members, Amy Haver, Mick Pocratsky, Bruce Hart, Ron Beverly, and Ron Jones; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Mayor Haver and councilmember, Ed Foster were absent.

Jones moved to approve the February 16 minutes. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to pay the bills. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Committee: Pocratsky reported his committee met on February 23. They discussed the utility account policy and made recommendations for changes. Council decided to keep the utility deposit for Unsatisfactory pay records to \$200 and describe what an Unsatisfactory pay record is in the policy before passing. The committee also discussed the long term control plan and IFM in their committee meeting. Collins pointed out there is a RCAP meeting coming up in Defiance soon that all should attend.

Insurance Committee: An insurance agent called this afternoon wanting to bid on our health insurance. Collins turned the name of the agent over to Haver and committee for a decision.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly wanted to know if anyone has heard anything about the Safe Routes to School grant. No one had. Council voiced a concern about what would happen if we don't get the grant.

Personnel Committee: Jones reported his committee met on Feb. 16 after the regular council meeting. Jones moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. (7:15 Ð 7:25 p.m.) Jones moved to return to regular session. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

HIXTV: January & February meeting minutes were in the council packets. In Foster's absence, Collins asked council to appoint Janis Meyer to the HIXTV Committee to fill the unexpired term of Nathan Ferrell until December 31, 2012. Pocratsky recommended the appointment. Beverly moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Administrator's Report: Kent Miller reported the following:

- Miller recommended purchasing the 2009 Freightliner with Leach 2R111 body, at a cost of \$139,790 for a garbage truck.
- The new IFM contract is included and a decision is needed. Their price went up \$155 per month over last year. All councilmembers voted to authorize the administrator to enter into a contract with IFM for one year.
- The two traffic study estimates were obtained, as requested by ODOT. Miller was told to report to ODOT that council does not want to spend the funds to do the study.
- The recycle lot is now on the spring-summer-fall hours of Mondays and Thursdays 1-6 and Saturdays 9-1. Chipping will be done the last full week of each month as weather permits. Miller has written a chipping policy.
- Following is the policy for the monthly chipping by the Village. Crews will go out the last full week of each month, weather permitting, or when there is damage resulting from a storm. In addition, they will make a sweep around town to clean prior to special events. The guidelines are:
 1. Each residential address will receive a minimum of one pick-up per month. Residents should have their limbs out by Monday of the last full week of each month. Crews will normally do each street once and piles that are of excessive size may not be fully removed. Crews will spend **ten (10) minutes** per pile then move on. Please plan accordingly.
 2. Any resident who removes, or hires someone to remove a tree is responsible for removing **all** debris. The Village will not chip or haul away the limbs or logs.
 3. No garden or yard debris, such as flowers, grass, vines, hedge clippings, etc., or shrubs (with or without roots), knots, or stumps will be removed. Residents are responsible for the disposal of those materials.For all the above, it should be remembered the Village is not a tree or lawn care service. Residents can either take materials to the lot at Elm/Meuse Argonne or hire a private contractor to assist.
- I had some camera work done on Haver Drive, and elsewhere, and we have a huge grease problem. Adkins had to bring their vac truck with a chain saw type attachment to break through and try to remove. Our guys have sucked out there a couple times within the past two months as well for the same problem. The camera could not get through part of the line due to grease build up, so who is causing the problem is undetermined. It would be greatly appreciated if whoever is dumping this grease would cut it out before causing themselves, their neighbors, and us more problems.
- Council asked Essex to decide if the village could put screens on the sewer line near the Yoder lift station to trap clothing and other personal debris from going into the lift station and ruining the pumps. Essex will check into that.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2009-01 amending the smoke detector ordinance was read by caption only for the second reading.

Resolution 2009-04 authorizing the administrator to purchase a garbage truck was read by caption only for the first reading.

Essex reported he will follow up on mutual aid in Indiana.

The railroad easements are not done because he was working on a few easements for the Clearview water loop.

Essex reported he was asked by the Ordinance Committee and Mike Scranton to strengthen the ordinance allowing wells to be dug for industrial purposes.

Clerk's Report: The MTD/YTD Cash Report and Inc Tax Reports were passed out. Transfer of funds is necessary.

Police Report: No report was given.

Fire Department: Chief Miller passed out the monthly report. The weather warning siren has arrived. We are waiting on a state permit before installing.

EMS Department: Chief Wendy Goeltzenleuter did not have anything to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Pro Tem thanked the fire department for inviting council to their annual dinner. He congratulated Mike Tomecek on being the Fireman of the Year and Doug Miller for being awarded the Hat.

There was some correspondence from Defiance County CIC regarding named stimulus projects. Mick will have Mayor Haver handle the appointments to CIC committees.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK

Larry Haver

Diane Collins