

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

March 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Haver.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present.

Present were: Council members, Ron Beverly, Mark Haver, Ron Jones, Mick Pocratsky, Mike Barth and Mike Headley; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk Treasurer Diane Collins. There were 2 visitors present.

Jones moved to approve the February 18 minutes. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

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

Robb Gerken of Erie Recycling was present. He offered to do a town wide "bulky pick-up" of recyclables for a cost of \$4800. In this scenario the residents would haul their recyclables to a designated lot containing seven dumpsters in lieu of the village doing a curb side general pick up. The downside is that the Village would still need to do regular garbage pick ups for bagged garbage too. After comparing the costs the Village incurs for a general pick up and the cost we would have to pay Erie Recycling council decided to pass on Mr. Gerken's offer. However, council was in full agreement to allow Erie Recycling to come to Hicksville once a month to allow residents to bring recyclables to him as the Defiance County Environmental Services does twice a month. It was noted that Erie Recycling picks up a lot of different items. The police department parking lot is the location of choice.

Park Board: Minutes from the February 27 meeting were placed at the council table before the meeting.

Cable TV Committee: Minutes from the February meeting were placed at the council table before the meeting.

Revolving Loan Committee: A & P Tool asked to have Pat Wiedenhamer's name removed from their Personal Guarantee signed while borrowing money for a revolving loan in 2012. Council asked to have the matter sent to the Revolving Loan Committee so they can see updated financial reports and make a recommendation. The RLF Committee met and minutes from the February 21 meeting were in the packets for review. Essex explained that A&P Tool financials looked good and the RLF Committee recommended approving the request if that was the case. Essex has prepared a Release to take Pat's name off. Jones moved to go along with the RLF Committee's recommendation. Barth seconded.

Beverly voted no. Pocratsky, Headley, Barth, Jones & Haver voted yes.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Barth passed out minutes from a committee meeting. He is trying to set up a meeting with EMH&T in March to keep things moving. The committee also discussed a request for a third water dept. employee. He has been in touch with Jason Roerig at the Defiance County Soil and Water office to get some numbers around for a South Gordon Creek project.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- The recycle lot will be open Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 6:00 and Saturdays from 9:00 to 1:00 beginning in March. These hours will be in place until December.
- Council packets contained a survey of our property in Oak Park. This was done due to some tree work which needs done. There are four encroachments noted. While not currently a problem, if any of the parties involved decide to sell their property, there will be issues to clear up.
- ODOT plans to repave SR 2/18/49 from the intersection of Antwerp Drive/West High Street to the east in 2019. (West and East High Street) There are some drainage issues along the south side of the curb in the downtown which they

- would like to have taken care so Miller will have someone come in to do work along that stretch this summer.
- Mike Bailey took the CCNO training class on February 26 so he can transport prisoners when needed.

- Troy Sargent will be in Columbus March 5 & 6 for contact hour classes.
The street employees will be in Perrysburg for a mosquito class on March 8.

Jimmy Gardner and David Miller will be in Sandusky for an all day mosquito & weed conference on March 21 to get the rest of their required training hours.

- A copy of the EMH&T invoice was in council packets for review.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins shared the MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Report. Collins informed the residents that the income tax administrator would like filers to bring the face page of their 1040 form with them when they file their taxes in person or by mail. Many water bills have been lost in the mail. Collins pointed out the residents are still responsible to pay their bill on time. This will be mentioned in the newspaper also.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver congratulated Austin Laney for being a State wrestling representative. There will be a free public forum about school safety and guns at the Bryan Eagles at 7 – 9 p.m. and March 19 at Defiance College at 7- 9 p.m.

Ron Beverly asked to go into executive session for possible land purchase. Headley seconded. All voted yes. (7:35 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.) Collins was asked to leave the room. Returned to regular session. Headley moved to return to regular session. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Barth mentioned the Chamber has plans underway to welcome new business and industry to the community via a gift basket/plaque or something. He suggested Mayor Haver may want to set up a committee for this. Collins suggested council may want to purchase some item to include.

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

MAYOR _____ CLERK/TREASURER _____