

Minutes of Regular Council

March 15, 2010 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, Bruce Hart, Ron Beverly, Mike Barth, Ron Jones & Mike Headley; Administrator, Kent Miller; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Absent was: Councilmember, Ron Beverly.

Jones moved to approve the March 1 minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to approve the bills. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Isaac Lee of the Defiance County Economic Development Office was present and offered to facilitate the efforts to continue on with the Strategic Plan. He feels it would take less than \$30,000 to complete the plan over to State Route 18 from State Route 49. Mayor Haver pointed out that currently we are dealing with the Merritt Ditch project, storm water diversion and a retention pond that are all additional issues. It was suggested that Mayor Haver ask the Revolving Loan Committee if they would spend some funds for the completion of the Strategic Plan. Jones feels we should move forward. Barth was in agreement. Lee told council they have a new GIS system they use for workforce demographics. Lee was asked if there was any interest in any of our vacant buildings in Hicksville. The short answer is no.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Pocratsky reported the committee met to discuss issues with damaged water meters. They have asked Essex to tweak the ordinance to make the penalty worse for meter tampering.

Administrator's Report:

- In Beverly's absence Miller reported there are two minor details to work out for the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project.
- General pick up is set to begin April 13.
- OEPA performed an inspection at the sewer plant on March 2. Except for an issue concerning one effluent number, things were fine. Miller will meet with the committee about this.
- The Village will not be chipping, sucking leaves, or picking up yard/garden debris. Residents can take these items to the recycle lot which is open Monday and Thursday 1-6 and Saturday 9-1.
- Miller thanked Angela and Brian Slattery for donating their old freezer to the Village.
- We have been trying to patch the potholes under the Meuse Argonne viaduct the best we can. However, the mixture is not staying in very well due to the depth (or lack thereof) of the potholes, heavy trucks pushing it out, and the still on-going shifting of the road due to the temperature changes.
- Miller asked council if they wanted to do an income survey for the sewer separation project. Pocratsky is going to talk to Dennis Miller of Maumee Planning Organization. There were concerns it would be done too close to the National Census and people would not participate. An Environmental Assessment is a requirement for the USDA paperwork. Council felt it would be less expensive to have RCAP do the assessment vs. the engineers at the Floyd Browne Group. Hart moved to have RCAP do the assessment. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Miscellaneous:

Essex is working on the following:

Unauthorized access of water meters and pits, zoning code as related to bio-fuel issues, and a park facilities lease agreement. He sent a letter to the attorney of the Montpelier funeral home and has not heard anything back.

- **Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** The MTD/YTD Cash report was in the packet along with a notice that the local liquor permits are about to expire.

- **EMS:** At the Chief's request Mayor Haver recommended hiring basic EMT Stacy Cautil. She is currently in the Intermediate class. Pocratsky moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation pending a good physical and drug screen. Headley seconded. All voted yes. This will make a total of 15 EMT's on the squad.

- **Police Report:** No report was given

Fire Department: Chief Miller presented Elmer Marihugh with a plaque recognizing him for 31 years of service to the Hicksville Volunteer Fire Department.

Mayors Report: Mayor Haver explained to residents the importance of participating in the census. He asked council how they would feel about having an outside agency run the pool for the summer. Council seemed okay with it and Essex offered to check on the legal issues as related to

liability. The discussion that followed talked about receiving donations for the village to run the pool and what it would entail.

Headley moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contract issues. Hart seconded. All voted yes. (7:45 p.m. – 8:33 p.m.)
Headley moved to return to regular session. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

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

MAYOR

CLERK

Larry Haver

Diane Collins