

Minutes of Regular Council

March 16, 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, Amy Haver, Mick Pocratsky, Bruce Hart, Ron Beverly, Ed Foster and Ron Jones; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.

Jones moved to approve the February 16 minutes. Beverly seconded. Jones, Beverly, Haver, Hart & Pocratsky voted yes. Foster abstained.

There was discussion of various bills. Beverly moved to pay the bills. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Resident, Dawn Ish, informed council that she is circulating a petition around the community to save the elementary school from demolition. She hopes it could be used by the community for various things. It was suggested she speak to the school board to see if that is still possible. Council commended Ms. Ish on her efforts and agreed that it is a good cause.

Resident, Marvin Volkert, who lives on West High Street had questions about the flooding that took place with the last storm. Administrator Miller explained what the village personnel found upon inspection of a nearby catch basin. Mr. Volkert commended Miller on his work during the flood.

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Committee: Pocratsky reported his committee met prior to this meeting. They discussed the utility account policy. Council agreed to another minor change. Beverly moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Essex still needs to find out if a screen can be put on a sewer line at the trailer court on West High Street.

Finance Committee: Jones reported a meeting will be held with Kirk Ludwig of SJS Investments tomorrow at 4 p.m. for anyone that wishes to attend.

HIXTV: Foster reported a meeting was held on March 14 at 8 a.m. Paul Overmyer has agreed to replace Jim Siler who voiced his intention to resign. Mayor Haver recommended Paul Overmyer to the HIXTV committee. Beverly moved to approve. Hart seconded. Jones, Beverly, Hart, Haver & Foster voted yes. Pocratsky abstained.

Administrator's Report: Kent Miller reported the following:

- General pick-up is being planned for the week of April 20.
- Chipping will take place the week of March 23, weather permitting.
- ODOT stated the selection meeting for the sidewalk grant has been done but gave no indication if we are getting one.
- The traffic study letter was sent in but Miller hasn't heard back.
- IFM monthly report was shared with council.

Foster mentioned the Elm Street recycling center is open three days a week now. He also stated the Village is receiving a record amount of septage. A manifest is filled out by each hauler. Foster said we should be able to trace any problems back to a particular hauler. A few council members also stated we take samples from the haulers when Mr. Volkert asked.

Miscellaneous:

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

Ordinance 2009-02 to transfer funds was read by caption only for the first reading.

Resolution 2009-04 authorizing the administrator to purchase a garbage truck was read by caption only for the second reading. Foster moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2009-04 was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2009-05 authorizing the administrator to enter into a contract with IFM was read by caption only for the first reading. Foster moved to amend it to state a beginning and ending date. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Foster moved to suspend the rules. Hart seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2009-05 was read by caption only for the second and third readings as amended. Hart moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

It is time to send Liquor Permit Renewal Objections to the Ohio Dept of Commerce, Liquor Control, if there are any. No action was taken.

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

The railroad easements are written.

Foster gave Essex FMLA papers he received at a recent meeting. He would like Essex to amend the policy to add the new military requirements for the committee to look at.

Clerk’s Report: Collins asked council if they would pay for wellness lab tests for all employees. Jones moved to pay for the blood screening for all employees and council members. Spouses can get it done by paying for their own test. Any other tests done will need to be paid by the employee or spouse. Hart seconded. All voted yes.
Collins informed council she has made plans for conferences and training seminars.

Police Report: Chief Szabo did not give a report. Foster asked the chief to give council 2007 & 2008 reports of PD calls and continue to do so on a regular basis. Beverly asked the Chief questions about jail reimbursement. She will bring something to show how much we are being reimbursed for.

Fire Department: Chief Miller reported the EMS Chief has completed her Intermediate Class and passed the test. The weather warning siren is installed and awaiting AEP to hook it up to power. Miller suggested that someone should clarify to the community of why the siren goes off. Council thought that was a good idea.

EMS Department: Chief Wendy Goeltzenleucter did not have a report. EMS Chief Wendy Goeltzenleucter was asked to send Wendy Edwards a Letter of Termination

Jones moved to go into executive session to discuss property purchase. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. (8:15 p.m. ÷ 8:27 p.m.)
Beverly moved to return to regular session. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Haver shared the monthly court report. It was suggested an engineer be picked for the sewer separation project. Two different methods of choosing an engineering firm were discussed. Essex will find out if we can ask for quotes so we can see who is offering the best price instead of just interviewing our favorite and accepting their price without knowing what the other firms would charge. Essex will have this information for the next council meeting. It is noted we can’t do anything until our long term control plan is completed in December.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR	CLERK
Larry Haver	Diane Collins