

Regular Council Meeting

March 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Headley.
Mayor Headley gave the prayer.
The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present.

Present were: Council members Mick Pocratsky, Ron Jones, Mike Barth, Ron Beverly and Bruce Hart; Solicitor Troy Essex; Administrator Kent Miller and Clerk-Treasurer Diane Collins. Councilmember Mark Haver was absent.

Jones moved to approve the March 2, 2015 minutes. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.
Beverly moved to approve the bills. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Park Board: Park Director Val Shull was present but did not have a report.

Personnel Committee: Pocratsky reported the committee met on Monday, March 9 at 2 p.m. to interview some people for the street department position. They also discussed the Auditor of State's discovery that we are incorrectly paying police clerk's wages to do the Mayor's Court duties and considered paying firemen a dollar an hour on-call pay to drive for the rescue squad. Minutes are in the council packets.

The Committee recommends hiring two people as Grade II laborers. Administrator Miller was asked what he would use two employees for. Miller gave a lengthy list of jobs that needed done. Pocratsky stated the committee would like to see Miller back in his office working instead of out on the streets. The committee and Kent chose Ethan Hathaway and Austin Zeedyk as the best candidates after interviews. Mayor Headley recommended we hire Ethan Hathaway and Austin Zeedyk as Grade II Laborers at \$14.17 per hour pending a good physical and drug screen. There will be a six month probationary period with no decrease in pay during that time. Pocratsky moved to approve Mayor Headley's recommendation. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

It was the desire of the committee to have the duties of the Mayor's Court Clerk combined with those of the Police Clerk and have one rate of pay. The pay of the Mayor's Court Clerk will be charged to the Mayor's Court appropriations. Solicitor Troy Essex will write the necessary ordinance.

The discussion to pay firemen a dollar an hour on-call pay to drive the EMS led to various questions. Pocratsky stated he didn't feel it was a Personnel Committee matter so it was turned over to the Police/Fire/EMS committee to iron out the details.

HIXTV Committee: Minutes of the February meeting were in the council packets.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Barth reported he, Kent Miller, Diane Collins and Joyce Hootman met with Jennifer English, City of Defiance and Stephanie Singer, Defiance County Soil and Water to discuss the proposed rain garden project at the corner of North Main & Arthur streets. There is a \$5000 EPA grant for the project and the village is committed to spend \$1000. Barth informed council that putting in a handicap walkway through the garden may cost more than the amount we are committed to but we felt it needs to be accessible to be enjoyed by all.

Barth wanted to discuss the Haver Drive easements and easements in general in the village. In the Haver Drive case, residents have pools, buildings, fences and landscaping in the easements. The water is not flowing correctly and it is causing problems in the neighborhood. Beverly wants the residents to remove everything from the easement, shoot some grades and get the swale put back in behind the back row of Haver Drive order to get the water runoff flowing to the creek as originally intended.

Administrator's Report:

General Pickup is scheduled for April 14 & 15.

OEPA update: their goal is to issue our new NPDES permit, and approve the LTCP, by June 1, 2015. EMH&T has been making revisions to portions of the documents to make them happy and it appears things are ready for the last review. Miller will make copies for council when the final draft is approved. The main changes have been dates and some paragraphs further explain some non-construction and post construction activities. EMH&T has been working on the Antwerp Drive design and has the aerial work scheduled for the very near future. After that they can start to work on other aspects of Phase 1 projects.

Miller will be out of the office a few hours on March 17 to attend a meeting in Archbold, and will be gone all afternoon on the 18th for a meeting in Defiance. His plans for March 31-April 2 have also changed. ODOT scheduled a pre-construction meeting in Lima on March 31 for the SR 49/2/18 paving through town. He had originally planned to go to the Safety Congress to get in some hours of required training on the 31st and part of April 1, followed by attending the Local Govt Officials Conference on April 1 and 2. Instead he will leave for Columbus on the 31st after the meeting in Lima and spend April 1-2 going between conferences.

On March 26 both street employees will be going to Perrysburg for mosquito classes to get some contact hours.

Mediacom is working on the contract/agreement for the tower lease.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2015-01 to pay Volunteer Fireman on call pay to drive the rescue squad was read by caption only for the first reading.

Essex referenced and gave explanations to an e-mail from Jason Schooley where he pointed out problems with snow removal, barking dogs, high grass and trashy yards in the summer time.

The Veterans’ Service Commission - Veterans/ Affairs asked to place a printer in the council room for Mike Williams to use when he comes to Hicksville one day a month. Council was agreeable.

Council was agreeable that the employees, volunteers and elected officials can participate in the Community Memorial Hospitals Heath Fair at our expense.

Police/Fire/EMS Reports: No reports were given.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: Collins gave an updated Revolving Loan Report to council and attached a letter the solicitor sent to Manure Management Industries about their delinquent payments.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Headley thanked the fire department, EMS and police for the non-emergency response they had at the Huber Opera House when a sprinkler head broke. He encouraged people to go and get their check up and blood work done at the hospital. He thanked the village employees for the continued efforts to provide the various services to our community. Now that the snow is melting the task of cleaning up our village begins. As residents, business owners and village employees, the help would be greatly appreciated.

Beverly moved to go into executive session for possible litigation. Barth seconded. All voted yes. (6:40 p.m. – 7:05 p.m.) Returned to regular session.

Hart moved to adjourn @ 7:05 p.m. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer