Minutes of Regular Council

March 20, 2006 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, Ron Jones, Amy Haver, Mick Pocratsky, Tom Haase Ron Beverly and Ed Foster ; Solicitor, Robert D. Aplin; and Administrator, Kent Miller. Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins was absent.

Foster moved to approve the March 6 minutes. Haase seconded. Jones, Pocratsky, Haver, Foster, and Haase voted yes. Beverly abstained.

Pocratsky wanted to verify that the payment to the Aces Diamond Club for concession stand upgrades was paid from the park budget. Foster questioned why the bill to Watson Construction was from a Capital Project account instead of from the Sewer budget. Miller agreed that the Sewer account could be used. With those two questions answered, Foster made a motion to approve the bills. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes. Foster then asked about the park gas bills. He would like to know which bill is for which building at the park. He also questioned the nearly $2000 heating bill for the WWTP. Jones explained that they are heating sludge and that is why the bill is so much.

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals: Meeting was held March 16. Minutes were in council packets. April 17 is the hearing for council concerning rezoning 117 S. Main Street.

Finance Committee: Jones reported that the committee will meet before the next council meeting on April 3 at 6:00 to audit the books. They will also be meeting with Kirk Ludwig of SJS Investments who is handling investment strategies for the Village.

Personnel Committee: Pocratsky indicated that the committee will be meeting soon to discuss a grievance policy for the Village.

Police/Fire/EMS: Foster reported that the committee met on March 13 to continue to explore ways to maintain or add members to the EMS squad and Fire Department.

Administrator's Report: Council received copies of a letter dated March 10 from Jill Schiefer of Ohio EPA. Miller noted that there were no major problems found. There are 5 requirements mentioned in the letter and they are being completed. There were also recommendations that are not regulatory violations, but are actions recommended for optimum operation and could reduce the potential for future violations or contamination.

Miller asked council to consider taking Allen Schooley III off of probation early. He is working out well and is in the process of getting his CDL. Council gave their approval.

There will be a nuisance board meeting at 6:15 on April 3 before the next council meeting.

Miscellaneous: Motion was made by Foster, seconded by Beverly, to table Resolution 2006-02 which supports petitioning the EPA for Sole Source Aquifer Designation, pending further study. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2006-01 approving and accepting an Annexation Agreement was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2006-02 authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to transfer funds was read by caption only for the second reading.

Resolution 2006-06 to award Interim and Active Deposits for the period from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010 was read by caption only for the first reading.

Ordinance 2006-03 to prohibit installation and use of booster pumps was read by caption only for the first reading.

Resolution 2006-07 authorizing a contract to lease the Ruan Building was read by caption only for the first reading and declared an emergency. Foster moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2006-07 was read by caption only for the final reading. Jones made a motion to approve, Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Easement information for Railroad Street was not available at this time.

Notice has been received from the Ohio Department of Commerce that all liquor licenses will expire on June 1, 2006. Council has the right to schedule a hearing if they receive any requests or complaints from the public. This will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Foster told council about the EMS banquet on April 22 at the High Street Grill. Service awards will be given out. Council members were invited to attend and should contact Greg Zimmerman to make reservations.

Clerk's Report: Collins was absent. Assistant Colleen Green turned in her resignation.

<u>Mayor's Report:</u> Haver told council about a meeting of the TIRC – Tax Incentive Review Council – on April 20 at 6:00 in Defiance at the Economic Development Office. The mayor will represent Hicksville again this year.

There are 7 fire departments in the county going together on a regional grant for SCBA's. Hicksville's share of the grant will be $97,122. We would pay 5% of that or $4856. This grant will buy 18 SCBA's 18 spare bottles, 24 individual face masks, and fit tests for the 24 face masks. According to Chief Bill Elwood, this would bring the department into 100% compliance. Beverly made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding needed for the Hicksville Fire Department to join in this grant. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor Haver reported that the Ruan lease agreement was e-mailed on Friday. He has not received anything back yet.

Hicksville's Disaster Plan was submitted to Mark Hopper.

Foster made a motion to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Jones seconded. All voted yes. 7:35 – 8:26

Returned to regular session. Miller recommends hiring Ron Beverly Jr. for the WWTP Grade I Laborer pending passing a physical and drug screen. He would start at $13.54 for his first 6 months and would then increase to $14.04. Foster made a motion to hire Ron Beverly Jr. Haver seconded. Pocratsky, Haase, Jones, Haver, and Foster voted yes. Beverly abstained.

Motion was made to adjourn.

MAYOR CLERK