

Regular Council Minutes

Monday, March 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Ron Jones followed by the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Present were: Council members Ron Jones, Mike Barth, Shelia Baker, Ron Beverly, Mike Headley, Mick Pocratsky; Administrator Kent Miller; Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Smith; Solicitor Troy Essex. Mayor Diane Collins was absent.

Mick Pocratsky made a motion to approve the March 7th minutes, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

Ron Beverly moved to approve the current bills list, seconded by Mick Pocratsky. Four councilmen voted yes with Mike Barth abstaining.

A representative of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Dale Gallup, requested the village vacate the alley on the west side of the church. He explained that drivers are using it as a cut-through to Antwerp Drive and creating a nuisance as well as a potential liability issue. Troy Essex will begin the process as there were no objections from council. He said the first step would be for the Church to provide a survey. It was noted that the village will need access to the sewer line that runs in the area.

Nuisance Board: No minutes were available at this time.

Architectural Review Board: The Board met to discuss signage at Industrial Park. A committee was appointed to get estimates for a lighted sign. The Board recommends the sign be erected at the 49/Annex intersection, with blue signs at the Meuse Argonne location.

Beautification Committee: No minutes were submitted to council.

Park Board: Steph Mazur was present to represent the board and submitted minutes from the March 16th meeting. Regina Belton has accepted the job of Summer Program Director. Mr. Jones recommended her employment to council. Mick Pocratsky made a motion to accept the recommendation and Mike Headley seconded the motion. All voted yes. Ms. Mazur has concerns about vandalism and dog walkers in the park. It was noted that the cameras installed don't work without Wi Fi. If perpetrators are caught on camera Chief Ballinger will file charges. The Village may need an ordinance to cover the dog problem. It was brought up that baggie stations could be installed but funding is a problem.

Hix TV Board: Meeting minutes from January 9th and March 5th were submitted.

Revolving Loan Committee: Minutes from the March 10th meeting was in the packets. The Committee recommended a loan of \$70,000.00 to Two Bandits Brewing. No action was taken by council.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: The discussion for rehabbing the old water tower vs building a new one ended with the council deciding to go with a new tower. They agreed with the committee that putting more money into a tower the village cannot consistently use is a waste. They asked Kent Miller to line up engineering firms to be interviewed. The issue of a new communications tower for the 9-1-1 antennas was given to Chief Ballinger and Chief Cramer to investigate.

The sanitary sewer separation issues for both Antwerp Drive and Haver Drive were also decided. The latest modified plan for Antwerp Drive (*the trunk will run from the intersection at the Catholic Church down Antwerp Drive then cut across behind Oak Park and Southern Hills to the ditch at the sewer plant*) was accepted. Ron Beverly made a motion to accept the plan as written. Mike Barth seconded. Jones, Barth, Beverly, Pocratsky and Headley voted yes. Baker voted no.

On Haver Drive the water line will be replaced. The new sanitary sewer line will be laid where the existing one is now. Each resident's lateral will be run from the main to a clean-out past the swale. The line will be pressure tested. If the resident's lateral is in acceptable shape it will be tapped into. If it needs to be replaced the homeowner will need to do that within a timeframe established by council. All fresh water runs (*downspouts, etc.*) will need to be unhooked from the sewer system. A swale will be located in the front of each property and will be maintained by the village as a storm water culvert directing that water

to the creek. Tiles will be installed at each driveway and the driveway approach will be replaced. Legislation will be provided to each homeowner outlining the responsibilities on both sides. Nothing will be done on the back row as the EPA mandated project is to alleviate CSO's, not flood control. Improvement of the swales in front should make a big difference in the flooding issue anyway. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the plan, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Administrator's Report: Kent Miller submitted his report and a schedule of upcoming classes several employees will be attending. He is setting up interviews for an employee to replace Steve Nye at the wastewater plant.

Miscellaneous: Resolution 2016-03 to authorize the Village to enter into a contract with Ward Construction for paving projects, was read by caption only for the first reading. Ron Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Mike Barth seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2016-03 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Mick Pocratsky moved to approve. Mike Headley seconded. All voted yes.

A draft of the proposed changes to the personnel manual was given out. It was decided to send it to the Personnel Committee for discussion. They agreed to meet soon to finalize the changes.

Police/Fire/EMS: Police Chief Monty Ballinger had no report. Fire Chief Scott Cramer thanked everyone who came to the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast. EMS Chief Loni Kesler was absent.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: The Clerk submitted the MTD/YTD Cash Report. A copy of the Mediacom Franchise Report was in the packets. Included was a letter from the Department of Commerce, Liquor Control Division, noting that all licenses in our political subdivision expire June 1. Approval for employees to attend the Health Fair at Community Memorial Hospital was requested. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the request. Mick Pocratsky seconded and all voted yes.

Mayor's Report - Ron Jones recommended Cheryl Smith be appointed Fiscal Officer according to Ordinance beginning April 1st. She has been interim Clerk Treasurer to fill Diane Collins term when she was elected Mayor. Mike Headley made a motion to approve the appointment. Ron Beverly seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Mick Pocratsky made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue concerning possible termination and to discuss current litigation on a revolving loan. Mike Headley seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Ron Beverly made a motion to return to regular session. Mike Headley seconded. All voted yes. Regular session resumed.

Ron Jones asked if anyone had any more business to bring before council. No one responded.

Ron Beverly moved to adjourn, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. Council was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer