

## Minutes of Regular Council

April 02, 2007 , 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, Ed Foster, Ron Beverly, Mick Pocratsky, Amy Haver and Tom Haase; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Leesa Battershell. Administrator Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer Diane Collins were absent.

Jones asked that a name change from Foster to Jones be made on the March 19 minutes of the Finance Committee. Foster asked that the word "a" be changed to "another" on the Cable TV committee referring to adding another Toledo station. Ed moved to approve the bills. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Haase moved to approve the March 22 minutes. Jones seconded. Beverly and Foster abstained all others voted yes.

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

Oxbow River and Stream approached Defiance Soil & Water for a stream restoration project in N. W. Ohio for an Ohio EPA 319 Implementation grant which provides financial assistance for projects that eliminate or reduce water quality impairment caused by non-point sources of pollution. Targeting the Maumee River Basin and focusing on restoring agricultural ditches. A grant for up to \$500,000 available per project and requires a 60-40 match. 60 is their time and surveying and our 40 match would be the value of the land. Defiance Soil & Water recommends Merritt Ditch which runs from the back side of Industrial Park across 2 land owners property to the Hospital. Nancy Seger – Engineer for Oxbow River & Streams explained the ditch restoration project would be a natural channel designed based on the Equilibrium theory state of lateral and vertical stability. The ditch requires 40' of width for low flow channel and flood plain construction. All tile outlets maintained and provides some regional storm water retention. Stream length will increase 50%. Providing better drainage, improve water quality and also provide a demonstration project in N. W. Ohio. The application is due April 30, 2007. The grant will be awarded late fall with a July 1, 2009 start project design and permitting. Construction will be in 2009. A retention pond at Industrial Park could coincide although grant money would not go towards this. With the consent of the land owners and the hospital Foster moved that a letter of support be sent and Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Jerry Hayes from the Defiance Cty. Economic Development: An Enterprise Zone application from Gordon Creek Granite LLC for a 70% - 7 year tax exemption on the value of the building at Industrial Park to manufacture counter tops. Total proposed project of \$750,000 with \$200,000 allocated for construction of a building. Gordon Creek Granite proposed 10 new full time jobs within 3 years at an average annual income of \$26,000 per year per employee. Hicksville is not the only location with an incentive package. The best offer will be awarded the project. Resolution has been supported by the Hicksville School's. Jones made a motion. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Larry Schohl was present to voice his concerns about the safety laws of golf carts. He was informed that golf carts are considered the same as a small car and will need to have all the required safety features-operator's license, insurance, turn signals, horn, title, registration and license plates.

Cable TV Committee: Foster reported the committee will meet Saturday, April 14 at 8:00. Mediacom will send a letter notifying that they will stop carrying channel 3 and will pick up a Toledo station.

EMS Committee: Foster received a total runs and hours report. AED needs to be re-calibrated and updated to meet AHA standards. Bi-laws will have a few recommended changes: The duties of the squad chief will be to operate on an approved budget. Discipline offenses of misappropriations of funds. Cell phone policy will be the same as the village follows now. Beverly made a motion that they accept the readings with verbal changes to be included. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Harris announced that EMT Troy Phillips, a certified intermediate, would like to rejoin the Village EMS. Haver made a recommendation to rehire Phillips. Foster moved. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Met prior to the council meeting they propose a cost of .10 per gallon for septage. They also discussed putting in a press to dry sludge at a cost of \$150,000. The additional cost would be for electrical, concrete, required permits and engineering. Discussed the need for additional building for storage. The committee agreed that they would prefer to rehab drying beds/filters for \$150,000 a bid from Peterson and the cost of it can be done with DEFA money. At this time they would like to hold off on a press. A used Skid Steer with bucket and forks could possibly be purchased for \$18,000. These items will need more discussion and possibly an engineer to get prints and cost. Authorization by council was given for Miller to purchase a used Vac Truck at fair market value and not to exceed \$25,000 Beverly will assist Miller with this.

Foster had a complaint from a business owner who uses East High in front of his barber shop for customer parking. This is now being enforced as a no parking zone because of the code of no parking within 12' of a fire hydrant. Foster recommends that Miller sends a letter to the State to move the yellow line. Council was in agreement with this.

Miscellaneous: Ordinance 2007-04 first reading was read by caption only an ordinance rezoning part of lot number 97 of the auditor's plat of the Village of Hicksville, OH.

Ordinance 2007-05 first reading was read by caption only an ordinance regulating golf cart use within the Village of Hicksville, OH.

Administrator's Report: Mayor Haver read that general pick-up is planned for the week of April 10. Ads in the Tribune and various spots at city hall. Due to Good Friday, the county recycle trailer will be in town Thursday April 5. This is a one time change and notices are posted at city hall. The transfer station on Gingrich Road will be open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month beginning in April. Village crews are not sucking leaves or yard waste, they are chipping limbs/brush. Spring clean up of yards is not our responsibility- residents can bag and /or haul their leaves and grass to the recycle lot.

Mayor: Haver said a bill for \$13,000 to Zachrich will now be paid. It was on hold until the Bond had cleared and some materials were delivered.

There is an interest in getting a Farmer's market in town. An organizational meeting will be held April 5 at 1:30 P.M.

Sidewalk Sales will return to Hicksville Saturday, July 21.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK