Minutes of Regular Council

April 3, 2006, 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; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins..

Foster moved to approve the March 20 minutes. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Haase moved to pay the bills. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Steve Casebeer, Director of Bryan Utilities was present to answer questions about the MICHINDOH Sole Source Aquifer and explain how it will protect our water and educate the public. The group is going to apply for a grant in April to help with the expense. Mr. Casebeer answered all questions. Mayor Haver assured him we would check into the matter further.

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals: April 17 is the hearing for council concerning rezoning 117 S. Main Street.

Finance Committee: Jones reported that the committee met before the council meeting to audit the books through December 2005. They also heard a presentation by Kirk Ludwig of SJS Investments who is handling investment strategies for the Village. They were pleased to report things are going well and the entire council will get more information when the one year anniversary of their services is up.

Personnel Committee: Pocratsky reported the committee met on March 27 to interview Troy Essex for the position of Village Solicitor. They agreed to hire him on June 10, 2006 for $15,000 annually for the six month probationary period and then $16,000 annually when off probation. The committee also looked over a Grievance Policy that was recommended we pass. The committee will give their changes to Collins to retype and present to the entire council at the next meeting.

Cemetery Board: Pocratsky announced they intend to meet at 9:30 am on April 7.

Street/Light/Building: Haver stated the committee met to come up with a design for a new fire hall. During the planning it was decided to look into the possibility of designing a much larger building to house all the Village offices. The pros and cons were discussed. The next meetings are planned for April 10 and April 14th.

Police/Fire/EMS: Foster said the committee is working on benefits for the EMT's and reminded council of the recognition banquet on April 22.

Administrator's Report: The Nuisance Board met today and visited three properties. They agreed to take action on two of them. Bid tabulations on the Hicks Street Storm Sewer Project were shared with council. Council agreed to use S & S Directional. The County Commissioners will actually award the project. Sale of the S10 pickup was approved. The only bid was for $75. Miller would like to purchase a street sweeper. After some discussion, it was suggested he look for used models first. Miller responded to council's questions about the EPA recent recommendations to the Water Treatment Facility. Miller reported the EPA does not expect the changes at this time but as we service the well next time. We can do the grading ourselves and other minor changes will be taken care of. Miller stated the woman was very pleased with the management of the WTP.

Miscellaneous: The third reading of Resolution 2006-02 recognizing the importance of a Sole Source Aquifer Designation, was tabled until the Mayor receives further information. Foster made the motion. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

The third reading of Ordinance 2006-01 approving and accepting an Annexation Agreement was tabled until Aplin can amend it for the next meeting. Foster made the motion. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2006-02 authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to transfer funds was read by caption only for the third reading. Pocratsky moved to approve. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

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 second reading.

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

Easement information for Railroad Street seems to be collected. Foster feels we need to start the process of getting an easement from Hicksville Grain for our water and sewer lines. Miller was given the task.

Notice has been received from the Ohio Department of Commerce that all liquor licenses will expire on June 1, 2006. Since no one in the community made any comments, council will not take any action.

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.

<u>Clerk's Report:</u> The MTD/YTD Income Tax report was passed out. Collins asked council to hire Leesa Battershell as the new Assistant to the Clerk/Treasurer. Pocratsky moved to hire Leesa Battershell pending a good physical and drug screen. Foster seconded. Haver, Jones, Foster, Haase and Pocratsky voted yes. Beverly abstained. There will be a six month probationary period with a pay rate of $11.67 and will increase to $12.17 after probation is complete.

<u>Mayor's Report:</u> There is a Black Swamp Safety Council meeting on April 25th. Since Hicksville will be getting a safety award it was felt someone should go. It was reported there are six left in the EMS class, five of which are from Hicksville.

Motion was made to adjourn.

MAYOR CLERK