

Minutes of Regular Council

April 6,2009 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, Amy Haver, Mick Pocratsky, Bruce Hart, Ron Beverly, and Ed Foster; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Ron Jones was absent.

Foster moved to approve the March 16 minutes. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Pocratsky moved to pay the bills. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

Jerry Hayes, Director of the Defiance County Economic Development was present to explain services provided, particularly activities in Hicksville. Isaac Lee should be coming to the next meeting to present the Strategic Plan. Jerry feels the reduction in funding is unfair as he says Isaac is working for Hicksville even though he is not always seen doing so. Council made it very clear they want to see Isaacs presence.

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Committee: Pocratsky set up a meeting for April 7th at 5:30 p.m. Pocratsky wants Essex's help in picking an engineering firm. Miller had correctly outlined a plan previously but Essex reiterated the process. Interview firms, rank them, and then discuss terms and conditions in order outlined in the scope of the work. Interviews will begin in the near future.

Personnel Committee: The committee met without chairman Ron Jones. FMLA was discussed.

HIXTV: Foster reported a meeting will be held Saturday, April 11 at 8 a.m. Foster moved that Joey Graves be taken off probation and receive retroactive pay for March which is when his six month probationary period was up. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes. Foster noted that contrary to some incorrect reporting, Jim Siler is not moving out of the area. A Mediacom letter explaining unavoidable increases in premium programming was passed out.

Police/Fire/EMS: Foster called a meeting for April 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Pocratsky noted the building at the park will be used by the probation dept. early winter only. He asked Miller to put posts in the ground beside the gas meter to prevent future damage. Beverly would like to see if only the restrooms could be heated in the winter.

Essex is working on some ordinance for Hart. The subject matter was not mentioned.

Administrator's Report: Kent Miller reported the following:

- General pick-up is being planned for the week of April 20.
- Chipping was done the week of March 23. Chipping will take place again the week of April 27.
- David Miller's probationary period is up. Pocratsky moved that he become a Grade I laborer at the assigned rate of \$15.12 effective April 6. Hart seconded. All voted yes. After some discussion about incentive pay and benefits, Foster mentioned his committee is looking at changes.
- A letter from OEPA was in council packets. It is about the required water plant operator level.
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Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2009-02 to transfer funds was read by caption only for the second reading.

Essex drafted legislation to tighten the well drilling ordinance and gave it to Pocratsky to take to the committee for review. Essex will complete it once the committee okays it.

Essex has met with the personnel committee to hammer out details. Essex promised to formulate something and get it to the committee.

It was noted Miller will have to put out bids to sell the water van then Essex will prepare legislation to sell it.

Beverly moved to authorize Collins to sign a Depository Agreement with First Place Bank. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Council had asked Essex to find out if we could put a screen on a sewer line to prevent debris from entering the lift station. Essex says he has calls into a couple people but feels it is possible. The EPA would need to be involved.

Nothing has been done regarding Mutual Aid with Indiana.

Clerk's Report: Collins presented the MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Reports along with QTD EMS and Utility Collection reports. Beverly pointed out some errors on the committee list for Collins to correct.

Police Report: Chief Szabo presented council with several years of call information.

Fire Department: Chief Doug Miller shared the March Fire dept. report with council. Hart told council that our fire department was recently the first responder on a mutual aid call. He feels we need to begin to seek out an agreement with the territory involved. It was noted that we used to cover it and are closer to respond. Pocratsky asked someone to find out how many times this has happened. Chief Miller stated he feels an automatic mutual aid system is coming in the future.

Chief Miller also presented council with emergency information prompting a request by Miller to change a few street names in the village. Some similar street names have caused some confusion when responding to emergencies.

EMS Department: Chief Wendy Goeltzenleucter was not present.

MayorŐs Report: Mayor Haver shared the monthly court report.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK

Larry Haver

Diane Collins