

Minutes of Regular Council

April 19, 2010 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 Haver, Council members, Mick Pocratsky, Bruce Hart, Ron Beverly, Mike Barth, & Mike Headley; Administrator, Kent Miller; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Councilmember Ron Jones was absent.

Hart moved to approve the April 5 minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Headley moved to approve the bills. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Michael A. Kravtsov, P.E., Vice President of Floyd Browne Group was present to present the final stage of the preliminary engineering plan. Kravtsov passed out a Kick off Meeting Agenda, Analysis for Collection Alternatives and maps. He explained the three alternatives for putting in sanitary sewers and the estimated cost of each so council could decide the order of preference. It was noted that usually the Rural Development supports the least expensive alternative. Typically they go 40% in a low to moderate household income area and they will try not to increase rates more than \$20 per user.

Kravtsov explained there will be additional cost to divert surrounding water flow from the system. Maps showed retention ponds and swales around the outer perimeter of the community. Costs were presented

Pocratsky reported the committee recommends the vacuum system as the first choice and the combined as the second choice. The cost analysis presented for each system does not include water flowing into town from surrounding farm land. Pocratsky explained the decision was based on the potential of availability from the Rural Development Association. . The cheapest two alternatives to divert the water and put in sanitary sewers will cost approximately \$13.5 million dollars.

Pocratsky moved to go with the vacuum system as the first choice and the combined sewer system as the second choice. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

There are several agencies we will apply for funds from such as Issue I and CDBG. It is hoped the majority of the funds will be from Rural Development. Stimulus funds are limited and Kravtsov said they usually look to see who is the closest to being ready to start.

The next step is to find out the exact condition of the existing structure. This is the survey and mapping phase. Phase 1 is expected to cost \$43,910 and Phase 2 is expected to cost \$47,500. It would take two to four months to do this and it was pointed out it would be easier to do in the summer vs. the winter. The committee is going to meet and bring back a recommendation to full council.

Planning Commission: Minutes from the March 25 meeting were in the packets.

Park Board: Mayor Haver passed out two proposals to get the donated playground equipment inventoried. Read more in the Mayor's report below.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly reported that DGL has everything turned into the State of Ohio for the Safe Routes to School project. He is hoping to see the project bid in May.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Pocratsky and committee met April 12 and tonight prior to the meeting. They discussed what we heard tonight plus issues about rehabbing the old water tower. The committee recommends we create conduit running down those legs with the wires running through the conduit. This would make for easier maintenance in the future. Miller is currently trying to get a meeting set up with all agencies that have apparatus on the tower. It is proving to be difficult to get them all together.

Cable TV Committee: The 1st quarter franchise fee report, April meeting minutes and a notice about channel changes were passed out to council tonight.

Administrator's Report:

Miller attended a local governmental official's conference recently and gave a written report on the sessions he attended. He attended or plans to attend the following meetings: Bryan for an OPWC meeting on April 19, Defiance for a county-wide administrator's meeting on the 20th, and back in Defiance on the 29th for the Brownfield Steering Committee meeting.

Deadline for sealed bids for mowing of foreclosure/non-compliance yards is April 23. Three have been received.

We picked up 65 tons of garbage during the general with Werlors help.

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Miscellaneous:

Essex is working on writing the zoning code as related to bio-fuel issues and has been asked to include some restrictions on adult entertainment establishments in the community.

We are still waiting to hear if we can get a first lien on the CNC Adroit has purchased before we loan them \$45,000 to purchase a program to run with the CNC.

Essex stated he was contacted by Kent Miller about a new owner taking items to a site that was previously a junk yard that does not have a junk yard permit. Essex stated the sheriff is going to handle the problem.

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Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: Collins passed out the quarterly EMS and Utility Collections reports Cheryl Smith prepared.

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EMS: Goeltzenleuchter reported the department has four intermediate EMT's and one still pending. We will be hosting a basic class in August.

Police Report: No report was given

Fire Department: Chief Miller reported that Mr. & Mrs. Don Hanna gave a donation in honor of the Chief’s father-in-law, Dick Slattery.

Mayors Report: Mayor Haver passed out two proposals to get the donated playground equipment inventoried. After discussing the two proposals Headley moved to table the project until three questions are answered. 1) where will the money come from to put the playground together; 2) where will the playground be placed; 3) will there be any extra costs? Council suggested we look for donations to defray the cost of putting the equipment together.

Mayor Haver commended the village employees on the good job they do.

Hart moved to adjourn. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

MAYOR

CLERK

Larry Haver

Diane Collins