

Regular Council Meeting

April 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Headley.
Mayor Headley gave the prayer.
The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present.

Present were: Council members Mick Pocratsky, Ron Jones, Ron Beverly, and Bruce Hart; Solicitor Troy Essex; Administrator Kent Miller and Clerk-Treasurer Diane Collins. Mark Haver and Mike Barth were absent.

Beverly moved to approve the April 6, 2015 minutes. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

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

Planning Commission: Minutes from the public hearing held on April 9 at 5 p.m. were in the council packets. The hearing was to consider a lot split at Lot 13, Pt. Edgerton's Outlet, a/k/a 617 Spencerville Street. The request was made by Lester & Lenare Yoder. The request was approved.

Park Board: Minutes of the April 15 meeting were in council packets.

Beautification Committee: Minutes of the April 6 meeting were in council packets

HIXTV Committee: Minutes of the March 14 meeting were in council packets.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Minutes from the April 8 committee meeting were in council packets. The Hickory Creek sewer line (401 Fountain Street) was the topic of their discussion. The Village is closing off the sanitary line under the building and will need to re-route the laterals. Miller noted that approximately 80% of the cost will be paid by the Village and the balance by Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Beverly suggested we come up with some way to limit the tri-annual "bulky" trash pickup. The matter was turned over to the committee.

Street/Light/Property Committee: Minutes from the April 14 meeting were passed out. A question arose concerning Bryan Street running through the park. Curious minds wanted to know if it is a dedicated street all the way through and if not, who owns it. Beverly or Miller inquired with the County Park District and was told the County Park Board only funds projects that are on their property. A wider roadway and sidewalks through the park are a consideration. A May 20 meeting may be set up.

Police/Fire/EMS: Minutes of the April 16 meeting were in council packets.

Administrator's Report:

The guys collected 90 tons of trash during general pick up. 95% of what was picked up as bulky items came from the same rentals we haul huge piles from each time. There were at least four houses totally emptied. One spot alone took approximately 35 minutes to load.. Miller felt this was probably the worst pick up out of the dozen or so years of doing it.

ODOT is a couple days behind schedule due to the weather. Beverly jokingly noted it is going to be harder to make a left turn into a 30 degree parking space up town.

Loop Asphalt plans to be in this week to start a lot of spot paving. In addition to streets, there is one driveway we need to replace due to it being torn up on a sewer dig.

ES De-icing is going to store our last contractual load of salt inside until needed next winter.

Miller stated that Sewer superintendent Ron Daniels is taking care of the matter noted on the NPDES Compliance Inspection Report.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2015-01 to pay Volunteer Fireman on call pay to drive the rescue squad was read by caption only for the third reading. Beverly moved to approve. Jones seconded. Jones, Pocratsky & Beverly voted yes. Hart abstained.

Resolution 2015-04 authorizing Mayor Headley to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Development Services Agency for a roadwork development grant associated with the completion of the extension of Industrial Drive was read by caption only for the first reading.

A Proclamation to allow golf carts to be used during the Northwest Ohio Volunteer Fireman's Convention was briefly mentioned as being on the agenda but was not approved.

The Deed for the Veteran’s Memorial property at the corner of South Bryan Street and West Arthur street has been given to the solicitor to get recorded.

Police/Fire/EMS Reports: Police Chief Ballinger interviewed candidates for Patrolman II positions. He asked council to consider hiring Kirk Stickney from Bryan and Jason Kottenbrock from Ottawa. Mayor Headley recommended hiring Kirk Stickney and Jason Kottenbrock pending good physicals and drug screens. Pocratsky moved to approve Mayor Headley’s recommended to hire Stickney and Kottenbrock. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. Pocratsky asked that an article/picture be put in the newspaper since we have so many new officers.

Ballinger brought it to Miller’s attention that there is a problem up town with one of the manhole covers at a handicap parking space in front of the Hicksville Bank. A resident is not able to use the wheelchair ramp off of their van in that location as the sunken manhole cover does not allow her ramp to sit safely on the ground. Miller will check into the matter.

The Fire Chief did not have a report.
The EMS Chief, Loni Kesler reported that Darci Sprague has resigned. She currently has seven active EMT’s running. She plans to get together with the committee to try to figure out how to take care of the shortage.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: Collins reported that First Federal wants to see in writing that it is okay for new Community Service Center director Crystal Joyner to become a signer on the Hicksville Summer Playground checking account. This brought about a discussion that perhaps we should get background checks on all hires/employees that will be handling money. It was decided to turn the matter over to the finance committee.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Headley stated “pride” is the key word he was looking for at the last meeting when he was encouraging residents to clean up the town. He stated perhaps an article in the newspaper would help. He thanked village employees for all they do. The Boy Scouts will be selling flower pots out front of the municipal building on April 25.

Beverly moved to adjourn @ 6:40 p.m. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer