

Regular Council

April 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Michael Headley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present.

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

Mayor Larry Haver was absent.

Haver moved to approve the April 7 council minutes. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Pocratsky moved to approve the two bills list less the Arrow bill because we were not billed the correct amount. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Planning Commission: Minutes of the April 17 Lot Split Hearing for 107 Millcreek Drive were in council packets.

Michele Ryder and Casey Wertz of Werlor Recycling were present to offer the Village of Hicksville residents some recycling options. They offered to provide each resident with a bin and Werlor's would arrange for pickup of the contents of the bin once a week. It could possibly cost the Village as little as \$280 a week in fees. Wertz stated we are unique because we have our own garbage truck that would be used to pick up the recyclables. Werlor's did agree to provide some numbers showing what the possible cost would be for them to pick up the recyclables themselves and also a projected savings due to reduction in garbage picked up on the normal weekly route. Headley turned the recycling offer over to the committee.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Barth shared minutes of the April 16 committee meeting. Gene Rigby offered to smoke test the entire town for \$15,000 and reduce the monthly meter amount from \$1,100 to \$500 for a two year period. The matter was tabled and will be discussed further at the next meeting. The committee also discussed high meter readings. The Water Dept. did not get the meters read for four months during the winter resulting in a surprising number of high reads. The committee decided when the water dept. is unable to read meters the residents will be billed based on the previous 12 month average. The policy change was brought by Essex. Barth moved to approve the policy change. Haver seconded. Barth, Jones, Pocratsky, & Haver voted yes. Beverly voted no because he just found out about it and didn't have time to take it under consideration.

Finance Committee: Jones and committee met prior to this council meeting to audit the books through March. They are considering raises for the employees. Collins asked the committee to consider accepting credit card payments. M. Haver asked for more information before considering it.

Park Board: Val Shull was present but did not have a report.

HIXTV Committee: The committee meeting minutes were in the council packets. Barth did not have a report.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- Eighty tons of garbage was picked up during the last general pickup. Miller calculated the expense to be approximately \$6,510 for wages, fuel, dumping fees and Werlor's assistance.
- Miller reminded residents that we are not picking up leaves. Residents can take them to the recycling lot.
- Bid opening for non-compliance mowing took place. Billy Laney was the low bidder at \$19.50 per hour.
- In order to have qualified back up at both plants, Miller asked permission to send Steve Nye and Al Schooley to Class I Wastewater classes and Jimmy Gardner and David Miller to Basic Water Treatment classes. Jones moved to allow the employees to take the classes with the understanding that if they do not step up to the job when needed they will reimburse the Village for the cost of the classes. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2014 - 05 to amend Section 951.01 (refuse collection) to make it consistent with other sections was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2014 – 06 to establish an Indigent Drivers Interlock and Alcohol Monitoring Fund was read by caption only for the first reading. Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Barth seconded.

Ordinance 2014 – 06 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Pocratsky moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2014 – 02 giving retired police chief Doug Willis his service weapon and badge was read by caption only for the second reading.

Resolution 2014 – 03 to enter into a contract for fire and emergency services with Mark Township was read by caption only for the first reading

Resolution 2014 – 04 to enter into a contract for fire and emergency services with Hicksville Township was read by caption only for the first reading

Resolution 2014 – 05 to enter into a contract for fire and emergency services with Milford Township was read by caption only for the first reading

Resolution 2014 – 06 to enter into a contract for fire and emergency services with Farmer Township was read by caption only for the first reading.

Police/Fire/EMS: Police Chief Ballinger reported in advance that he would not be present. Fire Chief Scott Cramer thanked the surrounding townships for their cooperation in setting new rates for the proposed fire contracts. Council thanked Cramer for his work on the rate setting.

Park Board: Mike Headley asked Director, Val Shull, who was heading up the Summer Playground Program this summer since Sandi Brown has stepped down. Shull stated it is going to be Darlene Briskey.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: Collins asked the Finance Committee to consider accepting credit card payments for the utility and income tax offices. A decision has not been made yet.

Mayor’s Report: Acting Mayor, Mike Headley, thanked the Village employees for their efforts in keeping the town running smoothly. Ron Daniels was welcomed back after taking some time off.

Beverly moved to go into executive session for possible litigation. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes. (6:45 – 7 p.m.) Returned to regular session. Beverly moved to return to regular session. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Resident Nellie Hathaway was present to inquire about the happenings of the proposed Veteran’s Memorial project. A short explanation of events was provided and she was invited to attend the next meeting. Mrs. Hathaway is interested in getting her father’s name added.

Resident Larry Schohl dropped off an invoice for the Village to pay. The invoice was for work done on his personal sewer line which is on private property. Beverly moved that we **do not** pay the bill. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Pocratsky moved to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer