

## Minutes of Regular Council

May 1, 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, and Ron Beverly; Solicitor, Robert D. Aplin; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.. Administrator, Kent Miller; Council members Ed Foster and Tom Haase were absent.

Jones moved to approve the April 17 minutes. Haver seconded. Jones, Pocratsky & Haver voted yes. Beverly abstained.

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

**Finance Committee:** Jones called a meeting for May 15 at 6:30 to audit the financial records.

**Cable TV:** A franchise report was in the packet.

**Personnel Committee:** Pocratsky will call a meeting to make plans to hire a zoning inspector to work 12 -15 hours per week. Miller is finding the additional duties too time consuming.

**Nuisance Board:** Miller wants a meeting to get started on some problem areas. Aplin added that he wants to get future solicitor, Troy Essex, involved since it involves quite a bit of legal work.

**Administrator's Report:** Miller was absent but left information for council to consider when choosing a street sweeper. The council wants to question Miller further as to the immediate need of such an expense.

Spring clean up will be included with refuse pickup the week of May 8.

The Village will not grind the stumps left by AEP's tree cutting. The residents involved must call AEP themselves to take care of the problem.

Miller also asked that Ron Beverly Junior be taken off probation. Mayor Haver made the recommendation but then realized with Ron Beverly Sr. abstaining there were not enough members there to have a legal vote so the matter was tabled.

**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. Jones made the motion. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2006-04 to increase EMS rates was read for the first reading. Jones commented that he wants more information.

Resolution 2006-09 to hire a solicitor was read by caption only for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

Resolution 2006-10 to enter into a contract with S & S Directional Boring was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Beverly seconded. Resolution 2006-10 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Haver moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

**Clerk's Report:** Collins asked council if they would authorize paying the \$25 fee to have all employees, volunteers and council members get the lab work that Community Memorial Hospital offers each year. Spouses can also participate but must pay their own fee. The guys can get the PSA done also by paying the \$13 fee themselves. All agreed to pay the \$25 fee per person.

The Hicksville Beautification Committee is having a plant sale May 12 & 13 to make money to purchase the flowers for the beds that are cared for around the community.

**Fire Dept.** Monthly stats were passed out. Travis Phillips and Josh Metz were taken off probation.

Fireman, Gerry Lewis, was present to explain to council about a new Venturing Program. The Boy Scouts asked the Fire Dept. to sponsor the Venturing Program. The Volunteer Connection is giving a \$425 grant to cover the initial setup. On May 23 an EMT and Fireman will meet with students during home base to explain the program. On May 31 they will have an informational meeting with interested students and parents for sign up. The purpose is to increase interest in the fire and EMS depts.. The participants will be allowed to go on runs with established rules. Council and the Mayor were excited about the idea.

Chief Elwood reported the fire trucks have been moved to the Ruan Building on West High Street. Architectural information was passed out to council.

**Ems:** Greg Zimmerman reported that six members of the EMS class just passed their test tonight.

**Mayor's Report:**        The EMS had a nice recognition banquet. A disaster plan has been implemented. Bill will put parts of it on HIXTV. Welcomed Josh and Travis to the Fire Dept.

Motion was made to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK