

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

May 2, 2011 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:, Council members, Mick Pocratsky, Ron Jones, Mike Barth, Ron Beverly & Mike Headley; Administrator, Kent Miller; Solicitor, Troy Essex; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Absent was: Councilmember, Bruce Hart. Seven visitors were present.

Jones moved to approve the April 18 minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve the April 12 Special Council meeting minutes. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

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

Shannon Villena, Director of the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce was present to get councils blessing on the Chamber Summer Fest being planned. She would like the road closed again at 7 am and use of the driveway between Tribune Printing and the Huber Opera House. Essex said he would prepare the necessary agreement to be signed.

Council was very supportive of the festival plans.

Stephanie Mazur was present representing the Friends of the Library and Library. They would like to place a sign perpendicular to High Street, close to the walk which will be used for advertising library events. Pocratsky recommended the request go to the Street/Light Committee. Barth would like plans submitted that will assist the committee in making a decision.

Planning Commission – Minutes from an April 28 zoning meeting regarding the school property at 105 East Smith Street were in the council packet.

Cable TV: The quarterly Statement of Franchise Fee Payment was in council packets,

Park Board: Minutes from the April meeting were in council packets. Park Board member Steph Mazur was present.

Administrator's Report:

- Just under 70 tons of trash was collected during general pick up. We gather 16-18 tons on a regular week.
- We are not chipping or sucking leaves. We put a box on one truck and took the chipper to the park so they could clean up a tree. Once the ground firms up the guys will have half a dozen piles of stump grindings to remove but we are not collecting other yard debris.
- Miller will be attending a Brownfield Steering Committee meeting in Defiance on Wednesday, May 4 and the next day will be in Perrysburg for a NOMMA meeting.
- Bid opening for mowing of foreclosed yards will be May 6. At the moment there are twelve yards on a list which will probably need attention throughout the summer.
- Announced summer recycling hours.
- Asked that Chad Beals be hired for the advertised WWTP position. Mayor Haver recommended hiring Chad Beals as a Grade I Laborer pending a good physical and drug screen. Probationary pay will be \$14.62 per hour. Jones moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Miscellaneous:

- Essex has followed up on the proposed Mediacom lease with Jackie Noder. It is supposed to be headed our way.
- Ordinance 2011-02 to enter into a written job creation income tax credit agreement with Parker Hannifin was read by caption only for the second reading.
- Essex has serious concerns about the agreement South Shore Farms has asked us to sign.

Clerk's Report: The MTD/YTD Cash Report was passed out.

Police Department: Szabo reported the medication collection was a success with 25 households participating. Fourteen and a half pounds of medication was dropped off to them. National Police Week will be observed May 15 through May 21. Some of our officers will be part of an Honor Guard in Defiance.

Fire Department: Chief Doug Miller did not have a report.

Mayors Report: Mayor Haver commended the employees on the efficient job they did during the general trash pickup. On May 3 there will be a

Maumee Watershed Meeting in Antwerp. National Day of Pray is coming up.

Beverly moved to go into executive session for possible land purchase. Headley seconded. All voted yes. (7:28 p.m. – 7:58 p.m.) Beverly moved to go into regular session. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

South Shore Farms (SSF) was discussed again. Jerry Hayes and Jared Orzolek from the Defiance County Economic Development office stated SSF was scared over EPA issues brought up by an engineer we hired to prepare plans for a sewer upgrade to handle the South Shore Farms operations. Orzolek doesn't think it will end the deal and suggested we have a conference call with them to find out what they are going to put down the drain. Beverly would like to invite South Shore Farms representatives to Hicksville to meet them face to face to talk this matter through. The Mayor will call a meeting Friday morning with the engineer, Miller and other elected officials to find out what discussion took place between South Shore Farms and the engineer. Miller stated that all SSF has to do is make a phone call to the EPA and get their answers right away. He stated they automatically fall under a pre-treatment because it is food processing. Orzolek stated that their plant in Middlebury IN does not have a pre-treatment and does have a reservoir behind it.

Orzolek acknowledged there are other businesses interested in Hicksville and went on to explain that he has sent an e-mail blast to over 5,000 consultants about Hicksville. A couple articles with pictures have been in recent publications. Headley added that there is now some inner play between local businesses in trying to bring jobs to Hicksville

Headley made a motion to adjourn. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

MAYOR _____

CLERK _____