

Minutes of Regular Council

May 3, 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, Bruce Hart, Ron Jones, Ron Beverly, Mike Barth, & Mike Headley; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Council member Mick Pocratsky and Administrator, Kent Miller were absent.

Beverly moved to approve the April 19 minutes with a correction to paragraph seven. He stated he did not make any motion in that paragraph. Barth made the motion to go with the vacuum system as the first choice and the combined gravity and vacuum system as the second choice. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to approve two sets of bills. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

School Superintendent, Dr. Kevin Miller, was present to request permission to use the Rotary pavilion for a Free and Reduced Lunch program during the summer. NOCAC has a Summer Food Service Program through the Dept. of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (funneled through the Ohio Dept. of Education and Job and Family Services). Lunch will be served during a 45 minute window Monday through Friday. Lunches are prepared in Defiance and delivered to Hicksville. Ages three through eighteen will be served. The lunch will be supervised by three people; the food deliverer, a site supervisor and at least one volunteer each day. Teacher Sandi Brown has applied for the Site Supervisor position. Supervisors will be responsible for cleaning the pavilion each day. The Alley may provide supervision once a week and provide some activities also. Dr. Miller is guessing it may feed approximately 80 children a day. Jones moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Jerry Hayes of the Defiance County Economic Development office was present. He informed council that Isaac Lee recently accepted a position with the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce. Hayes noted he thought it is important that Hicksville continues forward with a strategic plan Module II. He updated council on recent leads. The County Commissioners received a \$200,000 Brownfield Assessment grant. It is up and running. They are looking for candidates (sites or buildings). Matt Davis at Maumee Valley Planning is the contact.

Tim Becker of Steel Five Acre Mill d/b/a/ Adroit was present along with Dennis Miller of Maumee Valley Planning Organization. Council is willing to loan Becker \$45,000 of RLF funds but have had difficulty getting a first lien on the program to run with the CNC. Two hours prior to this meeting Becker heard from his lender that they were going to make a recommendation for approval. It was not known how long that could take to get. Council felt that we could have a special meeting to pass legislation to release the funds as soon as we received word the lender was agreeable.

Park Board: The April meeting minutes were passed out before the meeting.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly reported things are moving along. Essex explained there is a hang up on trying to obtain an easement on one parcel. It is not the property owners fault but the bank that holds the mortgage. The bank has not been responsive. Essex explained how he is going take action in another direction. Council will need to pass a resolution to allow Troy to do so.

Administrator's Report:

- Mowing bids were shared with council. Since there was a tie, both John Keller and James Wroblewski will be used.
- Miller has an ad in the paper for the zoning position. Mayor Haver stated there are some council members that are willing to fill the position a couple days a week to save money. Collins pointed out there would be time consuming letters and correspondence that would also be done. It was decided to wait until Miller returned to make any decisions.
- Residents are reminded that mosquito season is approaching and tires should be removed or tarped.
- Loop Paving did our spot paving. The Meuse Argonne viaduct was completed. The E. Smith viaduct was to be re-done as well, but a sinkhole was discovered just before they were ready to grind. Miller will have this area and maybe a few others done later this summer.
- The Ohio Plan did not find any liability issues during our recent risk management survey.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2010-01 accessing water meter pits and tampering with water meters was read by caption only for the first reading.

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

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins did not have anything to report,

Fire Department: Chief Miller reported they continue to work on the fire contracts. Essex stated they are more complicated than expected since

the current contracts contain certain provisions for the EMS also. Two of the townships have separate EMS contracts now but one does not.

Miller wanted to remind residents that they are only allowed to burn clean wood within the confines of the village under certain circumstances.

He reminded people to vote for the fire levy tomorrow.

Mayors Report: Mayor Haver reminded people to vote for the fire levy and mental health issue. He informed people about the Community wide garage sales on June 4 & 5. Mayor Haver thanked Ben Greutman for replacing the “Welcome” sign on Route 18 East as his Eagle Scout project. The school has assigned Eric Bassett to replace Ed Foster and Stephanie Mazur to replace Greg Newton on the village park board.

Beverly moved to go into executive session to for possible litigation. Hart seconded. All voted yes. (7:53 – 7:56)
Headley moved to return to regular session. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All voted yes.

MAYOR

CLERK

Larry Haver

Diane Collins