

Minutes of Regular Council

May 15, 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, Tom Haase, Ed Foster and Ron Beverly; Solicitor, Robert D. Aplin; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins; and Administrator, Kent Miller.

Beverly moved to approve the May 1 minutes. Jones seconded. Jones, Haase, Beverly, Pocratsky & Haver voted yes. Foster abstained.

Jones moved to approve the May 8 minutes. Foster seconded. Jones, Haase, Beverly, Haver & Foster voted yes. Pocratsky abstained.

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

Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals: A lot split hearing has been scheduled for June 8th.

Amos Miller, Paul Yoder & Mike Myers were present to request a credit on a high utility bill at 124 West Edgerton Street. Beverly explained the procedure to make such a request. Beverly promised them an answer on June 5th.

Jerry Hayes of the Defiance County Economic Development office was present to inform council of the Ohio Job Ready Sites program. The application must be submitted by July 19th. The grants winners should be known in December. Multiple applications can be made according to Hayes.

Finance Committee: Jones held a meeting for at 6:30 to audit the financial records.

Water/Sewer Committee: Beverly reported his committee met May 13th to consider three requests.

Police/Fire/EMS: Amy Haver reminded council they never finished the vote at the special meeting on how to proceed with the proposed fire dept. building.

Beverly moved to hire Beilharz to do the study that would determine the cost of four options and not to exceed \$6968.25 plus reimburseables. Haase seconded. Haver, Jones, Pocratsky voted no. Foster, Beverly & Haase voted yes. Beverly moved to amend the previous motion and instead allow Beilharz ten days to come up with a cost for a set of plans for a fire hall which would be ready to obtain State permits. Haver seconded. All voted yes to amend the motion. Beverly moved to approve the amended motion. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Cable TV: Foster reported a meeting was held May 13th at 8 a.m. Minutes are forthcoming.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly wants the committee to meet. Sidewalks to the proposed new school and to the youth center on West High Street were mentioned.

Personnel Committee: Pocratsky will call a meeting to make plans to hire a zoning inspector to work 12 -15 hours per week.

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: Council went through the list on Miller's written report in his absence.

Miller has lined up Gerken to do berm work along Elm, Meuse Argonne and Spencerville St using permissive tax monies. Also, they will be milling and repaving a portion of South Maple which had deteriorated badly. Lingvai has started the E. Smith water and sewer line project. S & S should be starting the Hicks/Fountain sewer job shortly plus doing the touch up work on Meuse Argonne. The South Main waterline will be started later in the summer.

General pick-up was completed last week; over 60 tons of trash were collected. Council agreed the curbside pickup could be continued as it seemed to go well. Miller is advertising to hire someone for the recycling lot. Pocratsky plans to ask Miller to have the lot open until 3 p.m. on Saturdays instead of 1 p.m.

We need to have a Nuisance Board meeting to discuss another issue which the Board of Health has investigated.

Miller recommended that council approve purchasing a reconditioned 1998 Johnston 3000 at a cost of \$59,950. This machine does come with a one year warranty. Council was agreeable.

The Habitat For Humanity House is nearing a start; on the last one built the Village waived the building permit, and the water and sewer tap fees. Haase moved to do the same for this house. Pocratsky seconded. All vote yes. Mosquito spraying will start as soon as temperatures even out at night. Schedule will again be Monday and Thursday nights

Miscellaneous: Jones reported that people are concerned about cell phones not working in our community. Aplin stated the towers are usually owned by private individuals. Council felt that we should ask companies to come in.

Council has been asked to take over the Jack Hostetler park on Oak Street. Mayor Haver will call Crook-Miller about the matter. Collins is supposed to invite someone from the Community Service Center to the next meeting.

The third reading of Resolution 2006-02 recognizing the importance of a Sole Source Aquifer Designation was read for the third reading. All voted no.

Resolution 2006-09 to hire a solicitor was read by caption only for the 2nd reading.

Resolution 2006-11 to purchase health insurance for council members was read by caption only for the first reading.

Resolution 2006-12 to purchase a street sweeper was read by caption only for the first reading. Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Res. 2006-12 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Jones moved to approve. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2006-13 to re-zone 117 South Main Street was read by caption only for the first reading.

Ordinance 2006-04 to increase EMS rates was read for the second reading.

A Notice of Annexation as related to the new proposed school was shared with council.

Clerk’s Report: As requested by Collins, Foster moved to amend the March 6th council minutes to add the following: “Resolution 2006-05 to enter into a contract with Lingvai Excavating was read by caption only for the first reading. Foster moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Res. 2006-05 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Foster moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.”

Police Report: No report.

Fire Dept. No report.

Ems: No report

Mayor’s Report: Monthly court report was passed out.

Motion was made to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK