

Regular Council

May 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Headley.

A Prayer was given by Mayor Headley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

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

Hart moved to approve the May 4 minutes. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to approve the list of bills plus the Cash Services bill left off the May 4 list. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Beautification Committee: Minutes of the May 4 meeting were in council packets

Finance Committee: Minutes from the May 4 meeting were in council packets.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Barth passed out minutes from the May 11 committee meeting. He explained that the income survey mailed out by Maumee Valley Planning Organization had very poor results. 360 surveys were sent out. Only 103 were returned. Council was agreeable to the Village sending out another batch of surveys to the 257 that didn't reply. We need 348 returned to see if we qualify for a \$500,000 grant which would be a significant savings towards the Phase I sewer project. Some council members stated they were willing to go door to door if necessary to get the surveys completed.

A written *Hicksville Phase 1 LTCP Project Update* was passed out by Barth. Pocratsky asked Barth if he was understanding it correctly that the Antwerp Drive project did not need a pond. Barth confirmed that the update confirms that the village will be able to contain flows from the 10-year storm before anything backs up onto the ground.

Beverly suggested we send letters out the residents on the back row of Haver Drive asking them to remove all personal property from the easements behind their houses so the Village can replace the swale to improve drainage. Haver suggested we first investigate if the easement belongs to the Village or the power company. The suggestion was considered a good idea. Miller will look into that.

Administrator's Report: Miller did not have a report.

Miscellaneous: Resolution 2015-07 authorizing the village of Hicksville to make a donation of \$25,000 for the Hicksville Veteran's Memorial was read by caption only for the first reading. Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Barth seconded. Resolution 2015-07 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Jones moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2015-08 to amend the Personnel Manual to require background checks for potential employees was read by caption only for the first reading. Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Hart seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2015-08 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Hart moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve the date of August 1, 2015 for the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce Summer Fest. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Essex stated he drafted a Liability Waiver for the Hicksville Fire Department to loan equipment to Edon F.D. if necessary but Chief Cramer hasn't had a request for help yet. The subject of liability insurance for our fire trucks ensued. Miller will check our liability insurance to see what our coverage is on our trucks. Cramer is currently getting our truck appraised.

Police/Fire/EMS: Police Chief Ballinger asked council to approve promoting Patrolman Garrett Franz from a Patrolman II to a Patrolman I. Mayor Headley made the recommendation. Pocratsky moved to support the Mayor's recommendation. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Cramer reported that he received a \$900 reimbursement grant for training. Cramer asked that a committee meeting be set up to consider hiring a full time EMT.

When asked, EMS Chief Loni Kesler reported there are ten on the roster and seven running. She is short of help 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: Collins asked council to approve Crystal Joyner to be a signer on the Hicksville Summer Playground bank account. She has passed a background check. Pocratsky moved to approve. Jones seconded. Barth, Beverly, Haver, Jones & Pocratsky voted yes. Hart abstained.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Headley read a Recognition Award Administrator Kent Miller received for perfect attendance at Workers Compensation meetings that resulted in a savings for the Village premiums. He also won a contest to attend all meetings free for the next year. Mayor Headley voiced his appreciation to business and industry in the community along with the Village employees. He reported the Veteran’s Memorial planning is going well and thanked the Village for their contribution. He reminded residents to get out and thank the Veterans for their service.

Barth moved to adjourn. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer