

Minutes of Regular Council

May 21, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor, Ron Jones.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present. Present were: Mayor, Larry Haver; Council members, Ed Foster, Ron Beverly, Mick Pocratsky, and Tom Haase; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins; and Administrator Kent Miller. Amy Haver arrived late.

Haase moved to approve the May 7 minutes. Foster seconded. Foster, Beverly Pocratsky & Haase voted yes. Motion carried.

Beverly moved to approve the bills. Haase seconded. Foster, Beverly Pocratsky & Haase voted yes. Motion carried. Miller was asked to bid out the fuel.

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals: Minutes from the May 10 meeting was in the packet. The March 16 2006 meeting minutes were in the packet to remind council about a 20 foot minimum set back for the new fire hall with a fence or natural barrier requirement on the south side of the lot, This has become an issue because it is unclear if or where the fence is being installed and if the requirement is being met. This brought up a discussion on the fire hall project. It was Beverly's feeling that the oversight of the construction should be handled by the village administrator as all projects have been handled in the past. Council was agreeable to this. Miller stated he wants to hire an observer to be on site every day and he would also require that quantities be on the pay requests. It wasn't known if this would stall the project but it was felt that it must be done. Jones will meet with Mayor Haver and Miller to discuss this matter.

Amy Haver arrived at this time. (Jones & Haver were both included in the voting from this point forward.)

Cable TV Committee: Minutes of the May 12 meeting were in the packets.

Personnel Committee: Pocratsky reported his committee met prior to this meeting and discussed employee insurance and the re-hiring of the village solicitor. Legislation to re-hire the solicitor was read later in the meeting.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Beverly said he spoke to Tom Fishbaugh about our rate study. Tom is willing to meet with the committee at 5 p.m. on June 4th.

Police/Fire/EMS Committee: Foster explained the proposed changes in the EMS by-laws. Foster moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

The latest pay request for S & S Directional Boring finishes that project. He will be submitting the paperwork to OPWC to get our Issue II reimbursement tomorrow. The job came in about \$19,000 under budget.

The \$6,537 ERS bill is for the Defiance Ave and oxidation ditch work done due to the chemical spill in February. Miller called OEPA to check the status of the investigation, but nothing has been determined. Miller feels getting reimbursed is slim at this point, but he will keep in touch with them.

The County has crack sealed Meuse Argonne from Elm to the corporation limits. In August that stretch will then be chip sealed. While original plans were for them to do Hicksville-Edgerton Rd to Buckskin, they are holding off doing their portion until possibly next year.

Glenn Elser resigned as the Zoning Inspector. We are accepting applications until May 25. Miller will recommend someone for the position at the 4 June meeting.

Crews will be chipping the week of May 21.

Mosquito spraying will be starting shortly. Nights will be Monday and Thursday, weather permitting.

The dumpster for cardboard is at the recycle lot and ready for use. The cardboard should be broken down and no other trash is allowed.

We are ready to start accepting septage. One hauler contacted Miller and told him the rate of .10 per gallon was too high. Council does not want to make any changes in the decision.

Miscellaneous: Resolution 2007-07 to enter into a contract with Artesian of Pioneer for rehabilitation of filters at the WTP was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Haase seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2007-07 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Foster moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2007-08 authorizing a loan to A & P Tool was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Haver seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2007-08 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Haase moved to approve. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2007-09 for the employment of a village solicitor was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2007-09 was read by

caption only for the second and third readings. Haase moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2007-08 authorizing the Mayor to enter into fire service contracts was read by caption only for the first reading. Foster moved to suspend the rules. Haver seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2007-08 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Haase moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Essex said he needed to get together with Kent to get the platting at the industrial park recorded. He is working on get the College Advantage Program set up that was requested by a couple employees. Some accountants are drafting the Section 125 payroll plan for the insurance deduction. Foster wants these last two issues to go to the Personnel Committee so the committee can also look at a flex plan. The Church of Christ Agreement has not been recorded because it was sitting around some place because it did not have the Mayor's signature on it. Collins will get the Mayor to sign it and get it to Essex for a recording.

Clerk's Report: Mayor's Court Report in packet.

Collins asked council if they would grant the same tax filing exemption to the Farmers Market participants that they granted to fair vendors a year ago. Foster moved to approve, reserving the right to change it at a later date if so desired. Haase seconded. All voted yes. Cost and time involved in collections would not be worth the small amount of money we may collect.

Audit exit meeting scheduled for May 24th. Council members were encouraged to attend.

Police: Doug Willis had nothing to report.

Fire: Chief Elwood reported that Richard Evans is retiring from the Fire dept. as of May 31st. All council members are required to take NIMS (National Incident Management) training by September in order for us to apply for future grants. Work on the fire dept. is progressing. An appeals hearing on the need for an elevator in the new fire hall is being held on May 24th. Worline will represent us.

EMS: Harris reported the resignation of Shawn Helf after 6 years of service on the squad. We are currently down to 9 EMT's. Council thanked both retirees for their service.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK