

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

May 21, 2012 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, Mark Haver, Mick Pocratsky, Ron Beverly, Mike Headley, Ron Jones and Mike Barth; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins; Administrator, Kent Miller and Solicitor, Troy Essex. There were 12 visitors present.

Jones moved to approve the May 7, 2012 minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to approve two sets of bills totaling \$53,143.79. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Minutes of a hearing for a lot split at 360 Meuse Argonne was in council packets.

Dr. John Haggerty of CMH was present to ask council to support "Live Smart", an initiative for a healthy Defiance County. Some goals are to build a bike/walking path, increase healthy activities in the community, and put the Live Smart logo on local restaurant menus. If council is agreeable, Dr. Haggerty asked council to show their support by signing the back of the form he presented.

Revolving Loan Committee: Met on May 17 to consider a \$100,000 loan to A & P Tool and a shared \$40,000 grant with Arc Solutions. A & P Tool have promised to create ten new jobs and Arc Solutions will be bringing five jobs into Hicksville from the township.

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met prior to this meeting to audit the books.

Police/Fire/EMS Committee: Mayor Haver announced Police Chief Laurie Szabo's retirement effective June 30 and Fire Chief Doug Miller's retirement effective May 9th. Headley stated the committee unanimously agree that Scott Cramer be appointed the new Fire Chief and we approve the new list of fire dept. officers. The list includes: Deputy Chief, Bruce Hart; Assistant Chief, Travis Phillips; Captain, Mike Tomecek; Captain, Stacy Lemper; Lieutenant, Josh Metz; and Lieutenant, Brent Neidhardt. Headley included in the report that the committee is recommending that we hire Lieutenant, Doug Willis as the new Police Chief. It was noted that the committee looked into the residency requirement for the Police Chief. Beverly suggested that we require our police and fire employees to live in Hicksville Township. Beverly moved we approve Scott Cramer for the new Fire Chief with the normal probationary period. Headley seconded. All voted yes, Headley moved we appoint Doug Willis as Police Chief and that we address the residency ordinance within six months as necessary. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Pocratsky asked council members to meet at 5:30 May 22 on Haver Drive for a study session. Water Superintendent, Jessica Elson reminded the council and residents that the annual meter flushing will take place Thursday.

Cable TV Committee: Barth reported that three \$500 scholarships are going to be awarded to senior volunteers. Solicitor Essex verified that it is legal to do it. The scholarship winners are: Edward Coplin, Jordan Teeple and Jason Zimmerman.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported that he has the Dollar General plans here and he would like council members to review them. Miller noted they are meeting the zoning code. Beverly mentioned that he looked at them today and he is satisfied IF the calculations are correct.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2012-05 to approve the purchase of radio read meters from EJ Prescott was read by caption only for the second reading.

Resolution 2012-06 to approve an Enterprise Zone Agreement with FWT was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Haver seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2012-06 was read by caption only for the second and third

reading. Pocratsky moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2012-07 authorizing the Administrator to sign a funding agreement for a FWT turn lane was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Haver seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2012-06 was read by caption only for the second and third reading. Jones moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2012-08 to loan/grant RLF funds to A & P Tool and Arc Solutions was read by caption only for the first reading. Haver moved to suspend the rules. Headley seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2012-06 was read by caption only for the second and third reading. Barth moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2012-06 to allow Ohio Gas to maintain a gas distribution system in Hicksville was read by caption only for the first reading.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver commended Police Chief Laurie Szabo on her years of service to the community. He also commended the Park Board and employees for their work. Pool opening date is scheduled for June 4. A Proclamation honoring Captain Christopher Rosebrock for his military service was read by Mayor Haver. Beverly moved to sign. Barth seconded. All voted yes. Mayor Haver read a thank you note from the Head Start program. The students made a book of drawings depicting the garbage truck they saw. Mayor Haver thanked the employees for taking the time to do this with the children.

Mayor Haver stated there would be a short meeting with the Police/Fire/EMS committee after this meeting.

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

MAYOR _____ CLERK/TREASURER _____