

Regular Council

June 3, 2013 at 6:00 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, Ron Beverly, Mick Pocratsky, Mark Haver, Ron Jones, Mike Barth and Mike Headley; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller were absent. There were 7 visitors present.

Jones moved to approve the May 20 minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve the bills. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission: Minutes from a May 23 Planning Commission meeting were passed out. A lot split was approved for 123/127 Spencerville Street. Notice of a public hearing on June 12 for the Zoning Board of Appeals was passed out. There is a request to change a setback on a side yard at 115 East Cornelia Street.

Park Board: Ron Hard was present. No report was given.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Barth reported the OEPA is coming to Hicksville June 10 at 11 a.m. to go over the proposed projects in EMH&T's report. At 1 p.m. OEPA representatives will meet with village representatives in the council room to hear what they have to say.

Finance Committee: Jones reported his committee met and audited the books.

Police/Fire/EMS: Headley stated the committee met regarding the fire contracts with the townships. They have decided to leave things at the current rates for one year.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly stated the committee needs to meet and get some stuff done. Pocratsky would like Essex's opinion about work being proposed. The committee will meet June 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Haver relayed the message to council that Susan Mack of the Beautification Committee requests permission for the Hicksville Community Service Center to advertise for a part-time beautification employee. Essex was sent the job description prior to this meeting to draft the legislation but it was not sent for the meeting tonight and therefore hiring someone is delayed. Mack made the request in order to be prepared to hire someone as soon as possible if the legislation is passed. A council member requested that the ad be written to state that someone "may" be hired so as to not commit to having to hire someone for sure. He also wanted the ad run by the solicitor prior to advertising.

Administrator's Report: Miller was absent but left the following written report:

- Went to Lima on May 16 for part of our required BWC training and will be going to Dublin, OH on June 20 for a Comp Mgt meeting to finish up.
- The cardboard dumpster at the lot should be removed shortly. Werlor should be coming soon to grind the lot as the pile is getting huge. The guys have hauled out 9 loads of grass the past couple weeks and since January they have hauled out 40 loads of left over leaves, old chips, flowers, etc.
- Employees have been spraying for mosquitoes when weather conditions allow. They have also

- dropped pellets into catch basins around town.
- In your packets is a letter from the Ohio Plan Risk Management rep. There is only one recommendation to implement, otherwise everything looks good. For the license checks, Miller will need to go through the personnel files to get all the license numbers and some other information and then run them through the BMV website.
- After many delays, the hanging baskets are in place in the downtown. Farmers Market banners are up, and one question for council is in regards to the blue Hicksville banners that are on some poles. We have taken down a few more due to wear & tear, but before too long the rest probably should be removed. Miller wants to know if council wants to have new banners for the downtown and if so, who wants to come up with designs, wording, etc.
- Miller will be off during the week of June 3-7.

Police/Fire/EMS: Fire Chief Cramer was present. He reported that six men have passed the Firefighter I Class. This makes a total of 10 – 12 Firefighter I's.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: The MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Report were passed out.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver congratulated the high school graduates. There is going to be a job fair June 13 from 10 – 12. The Slattery Memorial Golf outing is this weekend along with a 5K run and other various activities. The Farmer's Market has started.

Barth moved to go into executive session to discuss possible land purchase. Haver seconded. All voted yes. (6:10 p.m. – 6:38 p.m.) Returned to regular session. Jones moved to return to regular session. Headley seconded. All voted yes. Barth reported that the preferred site for the proposed War Memorial is the corner of South Bryan and West Arthur Streets. The school owns the property. Someone plans to attend the June 24 school board meeting to ask the school to donate the necessary property. Some funds have been donated for the project.

Jones moved to adjourn. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer