

Minutes of Regular Council

June 16, at 7:30 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, Amy Haver, Mick Pocratsky, Bruce Hart, and Ed Foster; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Absent were: Solicitor, Troy Essex; council members Ron Jones & Ron Beverly.

Foster moved to approve the June 1 minutes. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Pocratsky moved to approve three approved bills lists. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Kent Martz from the Defiance County Health Dept did a power point presentation on Surface Water Quality in Hicksville Township. Some interesting points were that 53% of Defiance County rely on surface water to drink; some samples of water coming from Indiana and Williams County in streams around us will be sampled; Agriculture impacts our streams (with potential hazards listed); chemical analysis of residents surface water will be done although no action will be imposed against the residents; and educational materials will be passed out to the residents.

Resident, Peter Figgins, bought a home in November only to discover he had a \$225 assessment from the village for mowing placed on the property taxes in January. He would like the assessment forgiven as he did not own the home then. Miller explained to council the county auditor will not make a note on a property that we have a mowing assessment until January when they are placed on the tax bill. They are too busy doing ditch assessments. In the mean time, anyone that buys a property would have no idea there was a mowing assessment waiting to happen. Council wants to request the county auditor come to a council meeting to explain the reason she is not willing to keep some type of record that there is an assessment in the works. Hart will call Marlene Goodwin to ask her to come to a committee meeting before July 1 to discuss this problem further. The committee will then decide how to handle Mr. Figgins request.

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Committee: Pocratsky reported the committee will meet in the council chambers on June 22 at 5:30.

Police/Fire/EMS: Foster reported there will be a meeting after this council meeting.

HIXTV: Foster reported a meeting was held on Saturday, June 13 at 8 a.m. Janis Meyer was voted in as Vice Chairman of the committee. Construction has started to install cable to the school. Graves will be covering Relay For Life and a reading program at the library that will offer video training.

Administrator's Report: Kent Miller reported the following:

- Kent thanked Yoders Restaurant for allowing us to store commodities in their refrigerator and freezer.
- On June 18, there will be a convoy of sixty or more vintage military vehicles passing through town at approximately 11:15 a.m.
- ODOT placed the traffic counters on N. Main and Arthur Streets on June 9. They were removed on the 10th and results should be known shortly.
- The last sections are some statistics for your review.

Septage billing through May 31, 2009

January	\$483.18
February	\$1,035.91
March	\$1,540.61
April	\$1,877.18
May	<u>\$497.75</u>
Total	\$5,434.63

- Following is a breakdown of folks being served by the monthly commodities program so far in 2009.

	<i>Families</i>	<i>Seniors</i>	<i>18-59 years</i>	<i>Under 18</i>	<i>Total People</i>
January	70	87	14	4	105
February	73	84	15	7	106
March	80	88	18	10	116
April	89	98	26	11	135
May	82	90	23	11	124

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- Recycle lot facts: Since January we have hauled out 83 loads of chips/grass/garden debris. There are another 40 or so loads that still need removed, but weather and other tasks put a crimp into hauling. Of the 83 loads taken away, 70 have been hauled just since the week of May 15. Miller will probably have to get Werlor in later this year to knock the pile down a second time. The metal dumpster is very active and gets switched out roughly every five weeks.
- The dumpster for cardboard goes in spurts--some weeks it's very full, other weeks it's practically empty; this costs the Village \$45 a month. Newspapers continue to be a large volume business. Miller thought it would be nice if the school could eventually take this over as we end up loading the mini dump and hauling to them anyway. Below is a summary of the past six years of hauling, including leaves we either take from the lot or straight to a dump site after sucking. It's steadily rising each year.

Year	Non-Leaf Loads	Leaves Only	Total
2003	96	69	116
2004	104	76	180
2005	113	80	193
2006	118	89	207
2007	156	104	260
2008	168	111	279

The May IFM report was passed out.

It was noted the hours have changed for the county recycling stop. The 1st Friday is 9:30 -1 1:30. The 4th Wednesday is 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2009-03 to further restrict drilling of new water wells was read by caption only for the third reading. Pocratsky moved to approve. Foster seconded. All voted yes.
Ordinance 2009-04 to amend the sewer tap policy was read by caption only for the first reading. Foster would like to see the rates removed from the ordinance since they are already in the policy.

ClerkŌs Report: Collins gave the insurance committee some information about BORMA changing third party administrators and how it may affect our employee benefits. She asked the committee to decide if Hicksville should get in the Medical Mutual network or stay out of it. A couple welcome signs are missing in town and Collins was hoping to find out if anyone is making any effort to replace them. ACH utility billing has failed to work for several days since we changed banks. Collins wanted residents to pay attention to their bank accounts so this problem doesnŌt cause them overdraws.

Police Report: There was not a police report.

Fire Department: Chief Miller did not have a report.

EMS Department: Chief Wendy Goeltzenleucter did not have a report

MayorŌs Report: Mayor Haver reminded residents of the military caravan coming through town on Thursday and also about Relay For Life this weekend. Foster reported he attended a Maumee water shed meeting for Mayor Haver and he feels we need to be involved in the group. The next meeting will be in August.

Hart moved to adjourn. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

MAYORCLERK

Larry HaverDiane Collins