

Regular Council

June 15, 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 Beverly, Bruce Hart, Mike Barth & Mark Haver; Solicitor Troy Essex; Clerk-Treasurer Diane Collins; and Administrator Kent Miller. Absent was councilmember Ron Jones.

Beverly moved to approve the June 1 minutes. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve the list of bills. Fire Chief Cramer objected to having the fence repair beside the fire department charged to the fire department budget. Council agreed with him so Collins will make the correction. Pocratsky seconded. Haver, Pocratsky, Hart & Beverly voted yes. Barth abstained.

Planning Commission: Notice of a Public Hearing to be held on June 25 at 5 p.m. was in council packets. The Village of Hicksville submitted an application to split Lot 1, Industrial Park a/k/a 801 Industrial Drive, 5 acres more or less. Essex explained why it is a lot split. He is going to speak with someone from the Defiance County Auditor's office to get some questions answered. He will bring information to the next council meeting.

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

Park Board: Meeting minutes of the May 20 meeting were in council packets.

HIXTV Committee: The May 9 meeting minutes were passed out at council.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Barth reported that approximately 30 more surveys were returned but we need a lot more returned. Roberta Acosta of RCAP is going to meet with Barth, Diane Collins and Kent Miller on Thursday, June 18 at 4 p.m. to discuss grants/funding issues for the sewer projects. Everyone was invited.

Barth was asked what was happening with Antwerp Drive. Barth said he left messages for Tipman (property owner) as he would like to show Tipman what we would like to do. No other details were given.

Park: Park Director Val Shull reported that a pipe cracked where the pumps are. She hopes to have it repaired tomorrow so the pool can reopen.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:
Miller passed out a Citizen Advisory stating the Ohio EPA has begun a water quality study of select Maumee River basin tributaries in Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Paulding, Putnam and Wood counties. Hicksville will be included in the study. Several people present felt sure it would end up costing us money.

Miller reported that mosquitos will be sprayed when weather appropriate.

ODOT will not be paving through Hicksville until after the 23rd of June.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2015-09 to enter into a contract with Gerken Paving Inc. for street resurfacing improvements was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Hart seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2015-09 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Hart moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2015-10 to enter into a contract with Bryan Excavating LLC for the Hickory Creek sewer project was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2015-10 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Barth moved to approve. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Essex noted that the County Commissioners passed our annexation request at the Industrial Drive extended. Miller needs to speak to the County Engineer regarding the culvert application.

Police/Fire/EMS: Fire Chief Scott Cramer gave a written report to council regarding the valuation of our current equipment. Cramer is suggesting adjustments to our liability insurance.

Firemen’s Convention Chairman Bruce Silcott updated council and the residents on the events scheduled for this weekend. It was noted the Community-Wide Garage Sales are also taking place.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: Collins asked council to approve signers on the Village bank accounts to update the records for First Federal. The First Federal Park account ending in 8572 signers will be: Diane Collins and Crystal Joyner. The First Federal Mayor’s Court account ending in 8481 signers will be: Diane Collins and Julie Cleland. The First Federal account ending in 8473 signers will be: Diane Collins, Cheryl Smith and Dawn Hostetler.

A written statement regarding Granite Broadcasting Corporation’s decision to blackout some channels was shared with council.

Mayor’s Report - Mayor Headley passed out written information from the Port Authority; thanked the village employees and the fire department for the work put into planning the Northwest Ohio Fireman’s Convention; thanked the tax payers for the trust they have put in the councilmembers.

Beverly wants the Zoning Inspector to finish his job on Elm Street. Miller noted that involves the Nuisance Board. No other details were given on the subject.

Miller was asked what he found out about Haver Drive. Mayor Headley stated he saw the surveyor at Haver Drive. Miller had asked the surveyor to put stakes in to show where the property lines are. Pocratsky noted the next step will be to notify the residents accordingly.

Beverly moved to go into Executive Session for Personnel issues regarding hiring or firing in the Police/Fire or EMS departments. They asked EMS Chief Loni Kesler and Fire Chief Scott Cramer to stay in the meeting. Haver seconded. All voted yes. (6:30 p.m. - 6:57 p.m.) Beverly moved to return to regular session. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

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

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer