

Regular Council

July 1, 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; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. There were 8 visitors present.

Jones moved to approve the June 17 minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

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

Resident David Brickel was present to let council know there continues to be smoking in the park even though signs are posted. Brickel stated he called the Ohio Dept of Health in Columbus and they informed him that passing an ordinance that bans smoking in the park would allow us to enforce it. He would like to see council take some action. He was also informed that we do not need to provide a smoking area. Water superintendent Jessica Elson was present and stated she heard a lot of complaints while she was coaching softball at our park last weekend. Headley would like to see the park smoke free. Pocratsky would like to see a place for everyone. The matter was sent to the ordinance committee.

Police/Fire/EMS Committee: Headley reported Police Chief Willis asked the committee for permission to hire two part time patrolmen. The committee agreed to allow him to hire two qualified individuals. Beverly moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

The committee plans to meet with the EMS Dept. to discuss proposed change in personnel.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Council was given updated information provided by the Ohio EPA and a New Project Summary provided by Adam Vohris dated June 28, 2013. Barth stated that Vohris will work up costs for the proposed projects. Pocratsky stated that it appears we are in significant non-compliance and with July 31 as our deadline he wondered what we were going to do. It was noted the Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) needs to be completed but there is no deadline set to have the formal plan completed. Beverly stated we need to get the LTCP done and costs established. WWTP superintendent was present and commented that he doesn't think we have enough information to proceed. Miller thinks once we get good cost estimates council will have to decide what will be in the LTCP.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly reported that his committee met to discuss the way the program started & went. In the meeting they decided the village will pay for all new sidewalks & repairs. He would like public feedback. Currently there is approximately 4,000 linear feet of work that needs done all over the village. The estimated cost is \$104,000. He suggests we do one section every year until the project is done.

Beautification Committee: Joyce Hootman was interviewed and recommended for the part-time position. Mayor Haver recommended Hootman pending good drug screen and physical. The rate of pay will be \$9.93 per hour. Haver moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes. Starting date will be July 17.

Park Board: The park board provided a written request to amend their appropriations in the Capital Projects line account to get it out of the red. Collins stated she would add that to a list she already has started. Toni

Egley was present and reported that the pool was closed 2 – 3 days while a problem with the drain was being repaired. There will be swim lessons next week.

Administrator Report: Miller reported the following:

- Steve Nye's probation period ends July 1. Miller recommended he be removed from probation and made a Grade I Laborer effective this date, with rate of pay
- being \$15.57 per hour. Beverly moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.
- There is a change order to approve prior to wrapping up the Oak/Perry St. water line project. The amount of the change is \$2,288.25 and a copy of the sheet showing final costs is in the packet. Reasons for the increase were some changes in the amount of water main installed, some added service line work and a bit more paving. If approved, and after Hohenbrink returns to do all the punch list work needed, they will submit their final pay request. After that, the paperwork will be submitted to OPWC for approximately \$50,000 in reimbursement to us. Beverly moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.
- The EPA and Corps of Engineers have signed off on our mitigation efforts for the WWTP nature preserve. During this period we were contracting with Mannik & Smith to do periodic inspections and yearly reports. Everything is acceptable, so we no longer have to do this reporting. However, we still need to maintain the area as outlined in our covenant.
- Bid opening for 200 radio read meters is July 5. Miller will get the information to Troy for legislation at the July 15 meeting.

Police/Fire/EMS: Fire & EMS Chief Scott Cramer reported that he has received word that the Hicksville Rescue Squad has been approved to receive a \$6250 equipment and training grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The funds will need to be used between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014. A basic training class starts this fall.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: The monthly EMS payroll and semi-annual Fire Dept. payroll reports were passed out. The MTD/YTD Income Tax Report was passed out.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver reminded everyone of the Summer Fest to be held in August. Flyers were included in the council packets. There is Casino Night at the Huber Opera House on July 13.

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

Firefighter Bruce Silcott arrived at this time thinking the meeting started at 7 p.m.

Headley moved to return to session. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor Haver resumed the meeting. Present were: Council members, Ron Beverly, Mick Pocratsky, Ron Jones, Mike Barth and Mike Headley; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Mark Haver and Troy Essex were not present.

Silcott asked for permission to put a bid in for the June 2015 Firemen's Convention. It would be the 125th anniversary of the Fire Dept. The fairgrounds will be used for camping. Our sister city, Hicksville NY would be invited. We would also possibly use the help of our Mutual Aid townships. There will be a queen contest along with water ball competition. Silcott stated it would spotlight the town and bring in business. Wednesday night there would most likely be camping, Thursday a golf outing, Friday evening cruising the town in trucks, Saturday a parade and life flight flyovers if things go as planned. Beverly moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes. Pending the Chief of Police's permission, Mayor Haver will write a Letter of Support.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer