

Regular Council Meeting

July 7, 2014 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 Mark Haver, Ron Jones, Ron Beverly, Michael Headley, Mick Pocratsky and Mike Barth; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins, and Administrator, Kent Miller.

Beverly moved to approve the June 16 regular council minutes. Headley seconded. Jones, Pocratsky, Headley, Beverly & Haver voted yes. Barth abstained.

Jones moved to approve the bills. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Nuisance Board: Minutes from the June 24 meeting were in council packets. Demolition of the property at 420 Elm Street was the topic of discussion. Mike Bailey is going to call Troy to make sure everything is done properly before the demolition.

Cemetery Board: Ron Jones reported that the cemetery board is looking for a sexton. It will be advertised.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Mike Barth shared minutes of the June 30 committee meeting. The minutes read they 1) met with resident Diann Grimm about her basement sewer backup problems. 2) discussed the following: lateral issues with new construction, noting that sump pumps have been run to mains and rate study – The EPA accepted RCAP's Budget Study. We will do a rate study if needed. 3) called Erie Recycling about bringing separate recycling dumpsters to recycling lot. The good, the bad and the ugly of General pickup was discussed. Headley requested a committee meeting on the matter. Early September would be the next one. 4) Discussed filling pools. The committee decided not to give discounts but if they need the Village to fill it, they would be charged a contractor rate.

Beverly asked the council why we don't start "turning some dirt" on our sewer separation project. Barth stated we can go ahead and get the engineering side done. We currently have \$1.5 million in the budget for this year. Haver thought someone was going to talk to Adam Voris first to see what project to do first between Haver Drive and the downtown High Street storm line.

Street/Light/Property: Beverly reported the committee met tonight. Miller turned in minutes from the meeting. Red Angel Pizza owner John Hart had asked for 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. parking in front of his business. Beverly reported another meeting is scheduled for July 21 at 4:45 p.m. as more input is needed to make a decision about parking issues.

Finance Committee: Beverly asked what happened to the raises that were mentioned for the employees. Jones stated the committee met but they would like all of council's input. Jones stated he had previously projected that a 2% increase would cost the Village around \$14,000. Beverly stated he would prefer a 3% increase. Beverly moved to give a 3% pay increase. Jones seconded. Headley, Barth, Beverly, Pocratsky and Jones voted yes. Haver voted no. Essex will prepare a pay ordinance.

Beverly inquired as to why the employees that get licenses to spray weeds and mosquitos do not get the 50 cent per hour raise. It was explained that only the employees that pursue water or sewer license get the 50 cent per hour raise after they pass the class and receive the license. Miller told council that two employees are currently in a correspondence class and two will drive to Sandusky a couple times a week for water or sewer classes.

Administrator's Report: Miller wished to inform the public that there will be smoke testing in the community as soon as Underground Utilities decides when they want to do it. People with breathing issues should call the administrator.

Police/Fire/EMS: Fire Chief Scott Cramer reminded council that the 2015 Fireman's Convention will be in Hicksville on June 18, 19 & 20. Bruce Silcott is the chair.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins shared the MTD/YTD Cash and Income Tax Reports.

Ron Jones reported that he, Mayor Haver, Diane Collins & Zoe McMaster met to discuss how the 2014 income tax filing season went. There seemed to be less problems than the previous year. It was decided that if council members hear complaints they should encourage the person to come in for a sit-down with the council member, McMaster & Collins to see how we can improve service.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver reminded residents about the Summer Fest planned for August 2. He reported that Mediacom is changing its return payment fee from \$25 to \$29. Lifeline Connect Church is going to have a free luncheon in the park on July 15 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Headley moved to adjourn. Barth seconded. All voted yes. 6:25 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer