

Minutes of Regular Council

July 20, 2009 at 7:00 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, Ron Jones, Ron Beverly, Bruce Hart and Ed Foster; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Leesa Battershell. Absent was: Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.

Foster moved to approve the July 6 minutes with the correction of Resolution 2009-09 that Beverly had seconded to approve. Haver seconded Foster's motion for approval. Hart abstained. Beverly, Haver, Foster, Pocratsky & Jones voted yes.

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

Marlene Goodwin the Defiance County Auditor attended to discuss the mowing assessments. Goodwin felt we should bill the owner, have a General Resolution by the next meeting. When the bill becomes delinquent then she could have them assessed to the property taxes. The Street, Light and Property committee will meet July 25 at 8:00 AM to discuss what the best way to handle this issue.

Isaac Lee from the Defiance County Economic Development attended to give his monthly update.

HIXTV: Foster talked to the regional VP of Mediacom about getting some resolution for the missing channels and duplicate stations. She was to get back with him today and did not. He reported that the equipment at the school at this time is still not up and running. Foster talked to local cable companies about getting Cable TV into the town with only Sherwood Telephone having interest but is not a viable option at this time. They are still accepting applications for the TV station manager.

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Committee: Pocratsky reported the committee met on July 9 at 5:30 and discussed with Scranton and Sargent the need for a new water tower or rehabbing the old one. After determining a true cost they will make a decision. Since QBS manual ceased to exist the committee will use the guidelines from that organization in choosing an engineering firm. The committee agreed to charge for water and sewer for the garden plot at the fairgrounds. Ron Daniels was approved to take the Class II test for the WWTP. Discussed the ordinance pertaining to job descriptions at the WWTP and agreed to have a wage change for one position and to eliminate two others. Will have Essex investigate to see if we have an easement behind the back row of Haver Drive. Committee is trying to establish the best avenue to address the ditches and the original swale.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly reported that the school had authorized the contractor to remove the sidewalks at the elementary school per the demolition prints. Essex will check the ordinance to see if the school needs to replace the sidewalks. Dr. Miller agreed to do a verbal change to keep the curb at the High School.

Police/Fire/EMS: No report

Administrator's Report: ODOT was in July and set STOP signs on E. & W. Arthur. Street Dept. installed STOP AHEAD and CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP SIGNS and switched the traffic signal to a constant flashing. The final payment for Whitten Ave sewer has been paid and now the paperwork to OPWC will be submitted for reimbursement of \$58,900. which makes the cost of the project \$155,000. After a water plant inspection three items need to be addressed to be compliant. The first is raising a well head about a foot. The second involves Well #1 being too close to sewer lines. The third involves getting plans drawn up by an engineer for a by-pass. The chipping will be the week of July 27.

Miscellaneous:

Essex reported the Railroad easement is in the final form. Letters have been sent about mutual aid in Indiana.

Ordinance 2009-04 to amend the sewer tap policy was read by caption only for the third reading. Ron Jones made a motion to accept and Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2009-10 to authorize the Mayor of the Village to execute an agreement for the purpose of participating in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvements program for Water Tower Rehabilitation in the Village and to execute all contracts as required and declaring an emergency was read by caption only for the first reading.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Reported that the Department heads have been asked to have their budgets in by September 1. and that the 2nd Qrt. EMS and Utility Collection Reports are in the packets.

Police Report: No report was given.

Fire Department: Chief Miller did not have a report.

EMS Department: Chief Wendy Goeltzenleuchter asked council to approve three persons to the squad pending good physical and drug screens. Mayor Haver recommended John Elwood, Nathan Metz and Patricia Nye to the EMS Dept. Beverly made a motion to accept these three EMT's. Foster seconded all voted yes.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver reported that Halloween Trick or Treat will be October 31 from 5-7 PM.

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

MAYOR

CLERK

Larry Haver

Diane Collins