

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

August 1, 2011 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:, Council members, Ron Beverly, Bruce Hart, Mike Barth & Mike Headley; Solicitor, Troy Essex; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Absent were: Council members, Ron Jones, Mick Pocratsky,

Beverly moved to approve the July 18 minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

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

Bill Cleland, Jr. voiced interest in purchasing the building the Police Department resides in. A group of individuals would like to turn it into a counseling center for alcohol and drug addicted persons. They already own the land behind the PD and The Alley next door. A sports center may be in future plans. Mayor Haver stated council would bring it up. It was decided the Street/Light/Property Committee and the Police/Fire/EMS committee would discuss the matter at separate meetings on Monday, August 8.

Doug Miller told council that Slattery Oil plans to replace the cement at their place of business at the corner of South Main & West High Street. He wanted to give the Village the opportunity to make improvements on the corner at the same time as there is an area where water lays year around.

Planning Commission: Minutes from the July 28 meeting were in the council packet. Mel Bontrager requested to re-zone Lots 5, 6 & A pt. and 7 pt. of Shepards and Summers Addition, a/k/a 530 North Main Street from R-2 Single Family to R-3 Single Family, Double Family, Three Family. Beverly asked what we are going to do about the water runoff if he builds. Miller was hoping council would decide that. A re-zoning hearing is scheduled for the August 15 council meeting.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Mayor Haver announced there will be a meeting of a newly formed committee called the Storm Water Steering Committee. They will meet for the first time at 6 p.m. on Monday, August 8 to organize.

Park Board: Minutes of the July meeting were in the council packets. Board member, Brent Neidhardt was present. Beverly voiced concerns about the park director.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly stated the committee needs to meet to discuss sidewalks continuing out West High Street to The Alley and El Grande Estates. Sidewalks to Hickory Creek were also mentioned. Beverly stated he is hoping we could find a grant to do the projects.

Administrator's Report: Miller did not have a report.

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Miscellaneous:

The Mediacom Tower Lease Agreement was received today. Essex stated he reviewed it and it is okay to sign.

Essex is working on surveys for the area of the railroad easement. We only need legal descriptions attached.

Essex will bring a Public Records Policy to the next council meeting for approval. He will also bring legislation to the September 6 meeting to approve or deny the rezoning request.

Ordinance 2011-05 to amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance was read by caption only for the third reading. Headley moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2011-06 authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Police Pension Fund was read by caption only for the first reading.

Resolution 2011-10 to enter into an agreement with the Defiance County Commissioners for the recovery of monies expended for providing legal counsel to indigent prisoners was read by caption only for the second reading.

Resolution 2011-11 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Muirfield Energy for Electric pricing savings was read by caption only for the second reading.

Resolution 2011-13 to assess street-light millage was read by caption only for the second reading.

Clerk's Report: The MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Report were in the council packets. Collins informed council that some of the

newly designed utility bills seem to be torn in half by the post office before being delivered to the residents. The residents should come in to pay on their account even if they did not get a bill.

Police Department: No report was given

Fire Department & EMS: No report was given

Mayors Report: The July Mayor’s Court Report was passed out. The State Science Fair winners Abigal S. Friend and Kathryn J. Murphy were announced. Hicksville Summer Fest will be held August 6th. There will be golf cart service. The playground equipment will be installed the week of August 8.

Beverly made a motion to adjourn. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

MAYOR _____
Larry Haver

CLERK/TREASURER _____
Diane Collins