

Minutes of Regular Council

August 3, 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, Ron Beverly, Bruce Hart and Ed Foster; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Absent were: Council members, Ron Jones & Mick Pocratsky.

Foster moved to approve the July 20 minutes with a correction. (Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee) The Qualification Base Selection (QBS) facilitator was eliminated. The manual still exists. In the Administrator's Report, Miller wanted it clarified that Ohio Public Works Commission will reimburse us \$58,900 from the \$155,000.

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

Bob Miller of Huntington Insurance came to council to explain Buckeye Ohio Risk Management Association's (BORMA) plan to switch the insurance pools' administrator and claims processing to Medical Mutual for a savings of \$1.2 million 2010. The change will take place October 1, 2009. Eleven in the pool of 13 entities currently use Medical Mutual. Hicksville employees will have the option of staying in the network or not when choosing a provider. Mr. Miller answered all questions.

**HIXTV:** A franchise fee report was passed out. Foster reported there will be a meeting Saturday, August 8 at 8 a.m. A cable committee will interview applicants for station manager on Tuesday, August 11. On Monday, August 10, the regional Vice President will be coming at 2 p.m. to discuss some issues we are having with Mediacom.

**Water/Sewer/Refuse/Committee:** In Pocratsky's absence. Foster reported the committee met on July 28. He will let Pocratsky give the report.

**Street/Light/Property Committee:** Beverly reported a meeting was held July 25. The committee decided that they would not refund money a resident paid for a mowing assessment on his property taxes. They felt there are means to find that information out before buying a property. The committee wanted to have a notice put in the paper telling residents to check with Dave Schooley for such information.

**Sidewalk Committee:** Beverly stated the committee decided what to do about the elementary school sidewalk that was removed along with demolition of the school but did not disclose what that was. They are meeting with Superintendent, Dr. Miller, on August 17.

**Administrator's Report:** General pick up will be September 1 & 2. Miller stated he has also received complaints about Mediacom. Miller pointed out that County Auditor, Marlene Goodwin, told us we needed to start billing for mowing before assessing to property taxes. Council also must send a resolution to get the mowing assessment put on the taxes. Miller told council there are two conflicting sections in the ordinance. Troy will bring legislation to the next meeting to straighten that out.

**Miscellaneous:**

Essex reported that Pocratsky wants him to work on the following things:

- Review the QBS manual. It helps define what the scope of project is and the proper questions to ask & then rank them.
- Look into the back row of Haver Drive.

Fire Chief Doug Miller asked Essex to change the agreement that allows fire personnel and EMT's to purchase lights & siren. It was given back to Chief Miller for review.

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 second reading.

Resolution 2009-11 to set the street light millage was read by caption only for the first reading.

Resolution 2009-12 accepting the rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing necessary tax levies was read by caption only for the first reading.

It was decided this is not the time to pass a resolution relating to flood mitigation.

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** Collins reported the server failed. Financial Management, Payroll and Income Taxes were affected.

**Police Report:** No report was given.

**Fire Department:** Chief Miller passed out a fire report.

**EMS Department:** No one was present.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Haver did not have a report. The June & July court reports were passed out.

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

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Larry Haver

CLERK  
  
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Diane Collins