

Minutes of Regular Council

August 4, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Haver.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present. Present were: Mayor, Larry Haver; Council members, Ron Beverly, Amy Haver, Mick Pocratsky, Bruce Hart and Ed Foster; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins; Ron Jones was absent. Isaac Lee was present.

Pocratsky moved to approve the July 21 minutes with the correction to the Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee minutes to read: *Pocratsky went to a pre-scheduled meeting at the administrator's office on July 18.* The committee did not meet July 18. Beverly seconded. Beverly, Haver, Hart & Pocratsky voted yes. Foster abstained.

Foster moved to pay the bills but would like the jail payment held up until the Chief Szabo is satisfied the charges are correct. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Pocratsky reported the committee will meet on August 14 at 5:30. They would like the Mayor and Kent there also.

HIXTV Committee: There will be a meeting August 9 at 8 a.m.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly had asked for public input in writing on changing the downtown bicycle rules. Four written letters and several calls to the Mayor were received. Essex explained the process to rescind the bike section of the ordinance. Bike racks were suggested. Beverly moved to repeal the legislation and allow bicycles only to be ridden uptown. Hart seconded. Beverly & Hart voted yes. Pocratsky, Haver & Foster voted no.

Personnel Committee: Haver reported the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) issue will be revisited along with the sick leave accumulation. Essex pointed out the FMLA is by policy and suggested the committee decide what they deem necessary in the policy. It was decided the department heads get together with the committee to discuss further.

Administrator's Report: Kent Miller reported the following:

- General pick up will begin August 26.
- The recycle lot hours are Monday and Thursday 1-6 and Saturday 9-1. Someone should stop leaving bags outside the fence.
- Miller had a call from a resident on Haver Dr. wanting to know what to do with his swale. He doesn't want to spend money on something which may either be replaced at some point or not conform to what the Village wants. Foster responded by saying that if residents fill in their swale and something comes along, it is at the residents expense to clean it out. Beverly stated the best thing they could do would be to leave it swaled.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2008-04 vacating an alley was read by caption only for the third reading. Pocratsky moved to approve. Hart seconded. All voted yes. Essex has the mylar maps and other papers that go along with the vacation.

Ordinance 2008-05 authorizing the clerk to transfer funds was read by caption only for the first reading.

Resolution 2008-08 establishing street light millage was read by caption only for the first reading.

Resolution 2008-09 authorizing amounts & rates as established by the budget commission was read by caption only for the first reading.

Essex gave the Source Water Protection Plan changes to the committee for review.

The Job Creation Tax Proposal was discussed in the event Isaac Lee wanted to present it to a potential industry coming to Hicksville this week. Essex advised against passing one for a single company. Mr. Lee was present to answer questions about the options available to council. Beverly moved to start with a shell that does not commit to numbers when presenting the Job Creation Tax Proposal to the potential industry this week. Paying 175% of the Federal Wage is desired. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Clerk's Report: Collins reported the income tax collections are up 5% compared to last year at this time. She was given permission to pursue a company that would help with a more detailed web site. Council did not agree to write off four workers comp claims until the administrator had an opportunity to gather some more information about why they were not paid.

Police Report: No report was given.

Fire Department: Chief Elwood passed out a report.

EMS Department: Acting Chief Wendy Goeltzenleuchter informed everyone of the upcoming open house on August 9. She has continued to check into ambulances and moving.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver noted the July Court Report in the packets. A letter from a resident was read commending the EMS of their great work. Mayor Haver commended police officer Ken Fraley for saving a resident's life by giving CPR.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK