

Minutes of Regular Council

August 18, 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, Ron Jones and Ed Foster; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.

Foster moved to approve the August 4 minutes. Hart seconded. Beverly, Haver, Foster, Hart & Pocratsky voted yes. Jones abstained.

Beverly moved to pay the bills. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Planning Commission: Minutes from the August 14 meeting were in council packets. A re-zoning hearing will be held September 2.

Rick Weaver and Dick Heyman of Poggemeyer Design Group were present. A Combined Sewer System Long-Term Control Plan addendum passed out along with separation alternatives. The MHI and LMI surveys done in 2004 are good through 2009. Weaver offered to have some financing agencies speak to us about finances. Possibly \$500,000 in CDBG funds would be available. Weaver said they will nominate our project with DEFA so DEFA is aware we are going to financing. The deadline for 2009 projects is in September.

Resident, Dave Schooley, voiced his dissatisfaction with AEP's proposed tree trimming and cutting at his home. He wanted the entire community to be aware that AEP is being irresponsible with the environment and properties. Residents were given AEP telephone numbers to call. Foster would like to invite a representative to the next council meeting. Foster also stated there is a tree at the Hicksville Union Cemetery that needs trimmed due to safety issues.

Park Board: The July minutes were in the packets.

Personnel Committee: Haver stated the committee wants the Village to hire Pat Hire to explain the options of the Family Medical Leave Act.

HIXTV Committee: Foster reported the committee met August 9 at 8 a.m. The survey was finalized. Foster is going to call Mediacom to ask for some financing to send out the survey and for prizes. Mediacom announced a new manager but we do not know who it is yet. Interviews are being conducted for the station manager's position.

Fire/Police/EMS Committee: Foster scheduled a meeting for September 2 at 6 p.m. Acting EMS squad chief, Wendy Goeltzenleuchter, drew up a revised schooling re-payment agreement for Basic EMTs. The main difference is the addition of a paragraph stating if there is an emergency a student may drop out of the class and take the next available class as long as Four County administration allows the student to do that. Council then decided the fire chief and EMS chief will jointly decide if it is an emergency. A revised version is to be brought back to council for consideration.

Bids are being put out for a new ambulance. A new home for the ambulance will be needed since it will not fit in the present garage. Goeltzenleuchter is getting some costs to move to this building at 111 South Main Street. September 10 is bid opening.

Administrator's Report: Kent Miller reported the following:

- General pick up is still set to begin on August 26.
- Miller completed the on-line NIMS training courses #100 and 200 now has to spend four, eight hour days attending two mandatory classes the week of September 24.
- Bid opening for mosquito sprayer was August 8 with the sole bid received in the packet.
- September 11 is a Federally recognized Day of Remembrance. Flags will be flown at half-mast on that day.
- Miller asked people not to dump chemicals into the sewer system. Our pH levels are getting higher and this can be traced back to this type of activity.
- The lift station on W. High is still being plugged up by what the trailer parks are flushing.
- The S. Bryan-Fountain St. waterline project has begun. The Spencerville sewer and handicap sidewalk/curb jobs will be starting this week.
- Asplundh will be in town in the near future doing more AEP tree trimming.
- Miller has waited to hear back from Verizon about E. High Street being repaired. Jones will make a call to Verizon.
- Miller did not paint the SCHOOL wording on any streets, as he saw little sense in painting it on when four months from now there will be no school zones on Arthur or Smith.
- A farm owner recently tied into our storm line for his field drainage. Essex will send a letter to the property owner.
- Miller asked council to hire David Miller as a Grade I laborer. Council wanted Miller to advertise for help as the policy states.
- There are eleven barrels of trash at the football field that Miller does not feel we should pick up. It was noted that residents are not allowed to put out barrels due the high probability of a back injury. The park employees stated they are not picking them up either. Miller was told to call Dr. Kevin Miller.

Beverly had the following issues to bring up:
The old coal yard on Crook Street has a building calapsed that needs clean up.
A nicely groomed area at Oak Street was gouged out by someone to allow water to drain into a catch basin. Mayor Haver will talk to a nearby property owner.
Beverly has a issue with a new church built on Meuse Argonne. They were to put in a retention pond to restrict the flow of storm water heading into town. But nothing has been done.
Granite Creek was allowed to put in a well at the Industrial Park with the understanding that a retention pond be put on the property. Beverly pointed out the retention pond has not been put in and a house trailer with a deck and skirting sits on the property along with some dirt piles. Council wants a letter sent to them also.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2008-05 authorizing the clerk to transfer funds was read by caption only for the second reading.
Resolution 2008-08 establishing street light millage was read by caption only for the second reading.
Resolution 2008-09 authorizing amounts & rates as established by the budget commission was read by caption only for the second reading.
Essex reported he has contacted the engineer’s office and is doing title searches to locate the correct owners of properties for the railroad easement work.
Essex has a draft of the Job Creation Tax Proposal ready. He is waiting for word from Isaac Lee of the County Economic Development office as to details.
A resolution approving HIXTV moving to the school will be brought back.

Clerk’s Report: Continuing to hold off on writing off the worker’s comp. claims until further information is collected. The Milford Township clerk sent written notice of termination for the EMS agreement. Sixty days are required by the agreement but Ms. Cape asked that the agreement be terminated on September 10, 2008 if possible. Foster moved to allow Milford Township out of the EMS contract effective September 10. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Police Report: No report was given.

Fire Department: Chief Elwood asked Mayor Haver to recommend two new people to the fire department. They are already certified. Mayor Haver recommended Lacandra Hablawetz and Jonathon Ronau to the fire dept, pending good physicals and drug screens. Lacy’s recent (June 27, 2008) drug screen and physical from Hickory Creek will be accepted in lieu of new. Jones moved to approve. Foster seconded. Beverly, Haver, Foster, Jones & Pocratsky voted yes. Hart abstained.

EMS Department: Acting Chief Wendy Goeltzenleuchter asked Mayor Haver or recommend Wendy Stapleton to the EMS department. She is already certified. Mayor Haver made the recommendation. Foster moved to approve. Beverly seconded. Beverly, Haver, Foster, Jones & Pocratsky voted yes. Hart abstained

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Haver announced Trick or Treat night as November 1.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK