

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

August 20, 2012 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, Mark Haver, Mick Pocratsky, Ron Beverly, Mike Barth and Ron Jones; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins; Administrator, Kent Miller and Solicitor, Troy Essex. Councilmember Mike Headley was absent.

Jones moved to approve the August 6, 2012 minutes with a correction. There were two personnel committee reports. Jones pointed out that the second one should not be included. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

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

Resident, Dave Brickel was present to discuss smoking in the park. He suggested we pass legislation to enforce no smoking in the entire park. Park board member Steph Mazur was present and suggested that it is simply a matter of politeness but perhaps there could be smoking zones in areas not owned by the park. Pocratsky doesn't support the "no smoking" as a totality in the park as he wonders "how far do we go?" "Do we start regulating what people eat?" Mark Haver suggested we find out what the Metropolitan Park Board allows and take it to the Street/Light/Property Committee.

Park Board: The August 15 Park board minutes were passed out. The need for a permanent fence at the high school girl's softball field and the cost involved came up. There were concerns that the girls softball field is now being given special attention as did the high school boys diamond under the direction of a specific coach in the past. Mazur suggested that perhaps it may have simply been a matter that the boy's diamond couldn't be used by anyone in the past because the grass infield was not suitable for use by any other teams. Such would not be the case with the girl's softball diamond. A lot of work needs done on several baseball fields and the sudden need to spend a lot of money on field work had council concerned. Mazur told council she feels the park board is not allowed to control their own money. Mazur noted it is a relatively new board and up until now considered status quo okay. When things start looking shabby the work needs done. Council pointed out that the workers at the park are not new. Referencing the board minutes, council agreed that they did like the idea of a background check on all coaching staff.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Barth reported the committee met Wednesday, August 7. The minutes are in the council packets. They met with EMH&T representatives to discuss a contract for work needed. EMH&T would be hired to perform a Hydrology and Hydraulic Study, develop a project area base map utilizing a GIS database, perform smoke tests, video sewer lines, and then develop a storm drainage master plan. EMH&T representative, Adam Vorhis was present. Beverly asked if this wasn't repetitious as some things may have been done before by Poggemeyer Design Group, RCAP and Dana from the EPA. Vorhis said those things will be utilized to save money. There was concern about a \$200,000 contingency for heavy cleaning in the agreement. WWTP Superintendent, Ron Daniels agreed with Beverly that we probably know where 80% of our root filled sewers are at. Pocratsky noted that our increased sewer rates have put us in a position to go ahead and get started with the project. Total cost could be as high as \$548,500. Vorhis stated that if EMH&T saw significant cleaning he would suggest "bagging it" as it would be counter productive. Essex did not bring legislation to the meeting so there may be a special council meeting called to get the legislation passed. There seems to be a need to get it passed as soon as possible. A critical part of the project is getting the smoke testing done in the fall before the humid weather sets in.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- The next general pickup is set for September 11.

Special assessment for mowing needs to be sent to the auditor's office after legislation is passed.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2012-07 to transfer \$440,000 of General Fund funds to the Police Pension and Capital Projects funds was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2012-08 to authorize ODOT to pave SR 2 was read by caption only for the first reading. Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2012-08 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Jones moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2012 – 10 to assess street light millage was read by caption only for the second reading.

Resolution 2012 – 11 to accept the rates as determined by the county budget commission was read by caption only for the second reading.

Resolution 2012- 12 accepting the bid of Ortman Drilling & Water Services for work on Well #6 was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2012-12 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Barth moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2012-13 authorizing the Revolving Loan Fund Committee to enter into an agreement with Stoett Industries, Inc. was read by caption only for the first reading.

Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2012-13 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Jones moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Police/Fire/EMS: Bruce Hart reported fire trucks 503 & 504 were pump tested and are okay. It was brought up that someone is soliciting for fire donations around town and residents have made many calls to council members and village offices to find out if it is legit. People in the council chambers gave personal accounts and what they heard from residents. Hart reported that the fire association is having someone solicit donations with the promise of a portrait photo if they donate. Hart said the money is going to go toward buying face masks. Hart stated there was a mix up in getting it in the newspaper and the Association probably should have told council what they were doing.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins reported on the Summer Playground Program for Sandi Brown. Sandi thought the program worked out really well this year with activities following the school's summer lunch program. The Defiance County Budget Commission asked council to accept the sum of \$67,307.84 as its share of the undivided local government fund. Jones moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver wished everyone a good time at the fair. The July Mayor's Court report was shared.

Jones moved to adjourn. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

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