

## Minutes of Regular Council

September 4, 2007, at 7 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, Ron Beverly, Amy Haver, Ron Jones, Tom Haase, and Mick Pocratsky; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Councilmember, Ed Foster was absent.

Haase moved to approve the August 20 minutes with a correction to the Finance Committee report. Beverly voted no regarding approving writing off income tax accounts. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to approve the August 27 minutes. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Haase moved to approve the bills. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

**Personnel:** Pocratsky reported the committee decided to leave the insurance alone. They recommended a 2 1/2% pay increase for full time employees.

**Finance Committee:** Collins asked the committee to set up a meeting to work on the budget.

**Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee:** Beverly wants to go forward with a storm water guidelines. He contacted two engineers but only heard back from Poggemeyer Design Group. Haase recommended hiring Poggemeyer Design Group for \$3500 to prepare a storm water guidelines. It should be completed in 45 days. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes. The committee approved the proposed changes to the utility booklet. Collins will make copies for the entire council to approve.

**Cable TV Committee:** A letter regarding the digital channel line-up was passed out.

Conrad Beck of Beck Insurance was present. He passed out The Ohio Plan's policy and went over the Summary of Coverage for our liability insurance. When asked about limits, he said most municipalities go by the recommendation of the legal counsel. He suggested the council look at the proposal and let him know of any changes we want to make. The cost is \$46,713, less The Ohio Plan Advantage Credit of \$4,562 comes to \$42,151.

**Administrator's Report:** Miller gave the following report:

- Miller will be seeking compensation from the company whose driver wiped out service to our traffic light on August 22.
- Over the next few years there are several sewer line projects which need to be done. He is planning on separation as part of the project on several; in particular are the Whitten, E. Cornelia (from Bunnell to Columbus), and Meuse Argonne areas. These would all have access to the storm line running in the immediate area. One very major expense is going to be W. High Street's main. It needs increased in size from roughly the Wholesale House area to the Catholic Church area. With that project, a pump station in Sholl Terrace may alleviate some of their problem by pumping into the new W. High line. The Haver Drive area needs some work as well. Projected time line for these is as follows: 2008: Whitten (along with the Spencerville line), 2009: E. Cornelia and Haver, 2010: W. High/Sholl Terrace.
- General pickup collected a bit over 71 tons of trash in two days.
- Werlors did the lot grinding on the 28th.
- The E. High sewer should be getting started in early September as we held a pre-construction meeting on the 29th.
- Miller asked council to reconsider septage receiving costs. At ten cents per gallon we have had three loads brought in for a total of \$449. One company is paying Grover Hill almost \$5,000 a month. Folks are driving to other spots to dump even with higher gasoline prices. He suggested the five to seven cent range. The Health Dept banned land application with the idea of us providing a dump spot. It seemed to be the opinion of council that our employees are busy enough at the WWTP building the drying beds without worrying about handling septage. Previously it was decided we weren't going to worry about getting septage during the stress test period. It was also noted that other municipalities must have a reason for raising their rates at this time so we may just want to leave ours alone. The Water/Sewer/Refuse committee will look at the matter.
- Miller asked council to consider change orders 8 – 14 as follows:
  - # 8. - \$46,300 for the asphalt and cement work as discussed at the earlier meeting. Beverly moved to approve. Haase seconded. All voted yes.
  - #9. - \$9,984 for the 900 Series Aluminum rail as per earlier quote. Pocratsky moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.
  - #10. - \$4,310 for extending the retaining wall. Pocratsky moved to approve. Jones seconded. Haase & Beverly voted no. Jones, Haver & Pocratsky voted yes.
  - #11. - \$1,248 for the extra railing on the retaining wall. Pocratsky moved to approve. Jones seconded. Haase & Beverly voted no. Jones, Haver & Pocratsky voted yes.
  - #12. - \$298 for adjusting the manhole along S. Main. Pocratsky moved to approve. Jones seconded. Haase & Beverly voted no. Jones, Haver & Pocratsky voted yes.
  - #13. - \$1,986 to install the catch basin and piping. Jones moved to approve. Pocratsky

seconded. Haase & Beverly voted no. Jones, Haver & Pocratsky voted yes  
#14. - \$465 to add a 6" x 8' x 3.5' sidewalk to the north man door and to tie downspouts into  
existing drain tile. Jones moved to approve. Haase seconded. Pocratsky & Beverly  
voted no. Haver, Jones & Haase voted yes.  
Total changes amount to \$64,591.00

**Miscellaneous:**

Ordinance 2007-12 to amend the annual appropriations ordinance was read by caption only for the third reading. Pocratsky moved to approve. Haase seconded. Haver, Jones, Haase & Pocratsky voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Ordinance 2007-14 establishing current EMS charges was read by caption only for the second reading.

Resolution 2007-13 setting the street light millage was read by caption only. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2007-13 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Haase moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2007-14 authorizing the Village to enter into OPWC agreement for a sewer line replacement was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2007-14 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Beverly moved to approve. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2007-15 authorizing an Enterprise Zone Agreement for Quality Machining, Inc. was read by caption only for the first reading. Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2007-15 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Beverly moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Essex explained to council that legislation can be passed which allows government entities to tack the collection fees on to the monies owed vs. having the collection fees withheld from the monies owed and only getting part of the payment returned. Council was agreeable to having the collection fees tacked on to the monies owed. Essex will bring back legislation.

Essex is going to follow up on the Section 125 paperwork that Collins requested for payroll.

**Clerk's Report:** Collins put the MTD/YTD Income Tax reports in the packets. We are down 5% compared to the same time last year. Departmental budgets were due September 1.

**Police:** Chief Szabo did not have a report.

**Fire:** Chief Elwood passed out monthly stats.

**EMS:** Assistant Chief, Wendy Goeltzenleuchter, informed council that there are five new trainees.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Haver announced Trick or Treat night as October 27<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 7 p.m. The firemen are having a Bar-B-Q at 4 p.m this Saturday. There is a Chamber Golf Outing September 27<sup>th</sup>. Beverly asked the Mayor what the outcome was after speaking with the Police Chief about the Hiler burn-out matter. Mayor Haver stated based on the fact that there were no barricades to protect bystanders, he was in agreement with the Chief. Mayor Haver suggested inspections take place prior to the next event.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK