

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

September 4, 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, Ron Jones and Mike Headley; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins; Administrator, Kent Miller and Solicitor, Troy Essex.

Jones moved to approve the August 20, 2012 minutes. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Barth moved to approve the bills. Collins added on the cost of the new cruiser. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Larry Tomlinson, resident, was present representing Mayor Haver's "Park Committee" as Tomlinson refers to it. The property discussed is at the corner of North Main and West Arthur Streets. The property was deeded to the Village of Hicksville by the Defiance County Commissioners. One stipulation is that the property is put to use by December 31, 2013. Tomlinson presented two proposed uses for the property. The first proposal was for a gazebo and walkway. The second proposal was for a gazebo, walkway, landscaping, war memorial and parking. Tomlinson had rough estimates of the cost involved and wanted to know how much the village would commit to the project and how things would work if he wanted to solicit donations for the war memorial. Running donations through the village "books" vs. setting up a non-profit organization to collect donations was discussed. After a lengthy discussion Beverly moved to commit \$30,000 to put a gazebo and sidewalk on the lot by December 31, 2013. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Park Board: Toni Egley was present.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: The Underground Utility bill was discussed while approving the bills. There was some concern that we haven't had adequate rain this year to accumulate accurate flow data. Some people present, including WWTP superintendent Ron Daniels, thought the flow monitoring should be continued through the spring. Barth stated the committee will meet to discuss it.

Personnel Committee: Jones reported the committee met prior to this meeting. They have agreed that they would like to make the Clerk/Treasurer's position appointed instead of elected as it is now. Collins current term ends March 31, 2015. Essex will need to write legislation for council to vote on.

Police/Fire/EMS: Headley reported the committee met and are three avenues to change the Fire & EMS. They will meet with the EMT's Wednesday, September 5 at 5:30 to discuss changes and then the committee meet again if necessary.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- The next general pickup is set for September 11.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2012 – 10 to assess street light millage was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2012 – 11 to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies was read by caption only for the third reading. Pocratsky moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2012 – 14 to assess weeds/grass mowing to county auditor was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky

moved to suspend the rules. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2012-14 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Jones moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2012 – 15 to assess unpaid utility bills to the county auditor was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2012-15 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Barth moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes

Resolution 2012 – 16 to hire EMH&T to do a hydrology study was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Barth seconded. Jones, Barth, Pocratsky, Headley & Haver voted yes. Beverly voted no. Resolution 2012-16 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Pocratsky moved to approve. Barth seconded. Jones, Barth, Pocratsky, Headley & Haver voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Ordinance – 2012 – 09 to amend the annual appropriations ordinance was read by caption only for the first reading.

Police/Fire/EMS: Scott Cramer, fire chief, asked council to approve three men for the fire dept. They all need training. Mayor Haver recommended Jeff Ruoff, Mitchell Weatherhead, and Randy Cameron Jr. to the fire department. Beverly moved to approve the Mayor’s recommendation pending a good physical and drug screen. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Cramer reported that three individuals are going to start the EMT class in Williams County in October and another gentleman will be starting one at 4-County. Willy Goeltzenleuchter stepped down as assistant squad chief and Bobby Meyer stepped up into it. Two power cots have been ordered. Tim Coon will be running as an EMT again.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: Collins passed out MTD/YTD Cash reports and Income Tax reports and an news article from the Cleveland Plain Dealer about municipal income tax uniformity. Council had questions about the direction this appears to be heading, how it could affect us and if Governor Kaisick is still making an effort to collect municipal income taxes.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Haver did not have a report.

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

MAYOR _____ CLERK/TREASURER_____