

Minutes of Regular Council

September 15, 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(arrived late), 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 September 2 minutes. Pocratsky seconded. Hart abstained. Beverly, Foster, Jones & Pocratsky voted yes.

Jones moved to pay the bills. Foster seconded. All voted yes. (Haver arrived)

Isaac Lee of the Defiance County Economic Development office filled council in on his activities which include:

- Amending Trident's Enterprise Zone Agreement. Legislation is read later in the meeting.
- His work on the Job Creation Tax Program. Essex will bring legislation to the next meeting.
- Noted the Dietrich building is heavily submitted.
- A county wide media packet is being considered. It would be given to potential industry
- Strategic Plan – the purpose of the ditch project is being re-evaluated. The projected deadline is mid November.

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met prior to this meeting. They agreed to increase fees for the zoning department permits. Sidewalks & driveways to \$4, Variance/Lot Split to \$125, Conditional Use permit to \$125, re-zone to \$225, Signs to \$10. Jones moved to approve. Foster seconded. All voted yes. Jones moved to increase pavilion fees to \$150 deposit with \$40 refunded when cleaned up. Anyone already on the 2009 calendar will get it at the old rate of \$125. Any new reservations will be at the new rate. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

HIXTV Committee: Foster reported the committee met September 13 at 8 a.m. Mayor Haver recommended Joe Graves for the next station manager pending a good physical and drug screen. There will be a six month probationary period. Foster moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. Beverly, Haver, Foster, Jones & Pocratsky voted yes. Hart abstained. Minutes were passed out to council. The new regional manager is Mike Dickerson. Foster, Elwood & Graves are going to meet him Tuesday. They will go over our proposed survey and ask Mediacom to pay for postage and prizes for those that respond to the survey.

Fire/Police/EMS Committee: Foster was to call a meeting to go over procedures and ambulance quotes.

Water/Sewer/Street/Refuse: Pocratsky reported the committee met September 8 to discuss a flooding problem on Cornelia Street. The committee feels contractor Paul Yoder and the Village should equally share blame for the water problem. It was noted that most of E. Cornelia Street is going to have the same problem due to field tile being tied in. It was decided a solution would be to redirect the downspouts on the condominium.

The hydrant meter loaned to the new school was found.

Personnel Committee: Pocratsky said the committee will meet October 6 to discuss pay increases & insurance.

Administrator's Report: Kent Miller reported the following:

- Strable came in on September 9 and patched the viaduct area. Miller had sent Verizon a certified letter giving them till September 10. It was never returned.
- Miller will not be able to attend the school sidewalk committee meeting September 17 as there is an Issue II ranking meeting in Defiance.
- Miller received two furnace estimates for 111 South Main Street. He asked council to choose. Beverly moved to approve Thornburg Plumbing & Heating as the lowest and best bid. Foster seconded. All voted yes.
- Ambulance bid copies were passed out. Miller suggested the committee meet and read through these before taking a vote on which unit to purchase. Essex will bring a resolution to the next meeting.
- Miller is contemplating what action to take on the 510 West High Street water/heat issue. After considerable discussion it was decided to cut the heat to the garage and leave the heat on very low in the apartment this winter. Police Chief Szabo will keep an eye on the heat being used.
- The lost water meter at the school has been found.
- Conrad Beck sent insurance renewal packets and verbally offered extra coverage for uninsured motorist and earthquakes. Foster moved to accept the quote and keep the insurance as currently written. Beverly moved to approve. All voted yes.
- Kent Miller would like to hire David Miller for the street department.

Jones moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel and possible litigation. Hart seconded. All voted yes. (8:15 – 8:40) Jones moved to return to regular session. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Foster moved to have Wendy Goeltzenleuchter continue as Acting EMS Chief up to and including January 1, 2009 since it not known when Mike Harris is returning. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Foster moved to hire David Miller as a Grade I laborer pending good drug screen and physical. He will have a six month probationary period. Jones seconded. Haver, Foster, Jones & Hart voted yes. Beverly & Pocratsky voted no.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2008-10 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the school regarding the operating space and use of equipment by HIXTV was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2008-06 to amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2008-07 Adopting Source Water Protection Rules and Regulations was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2008-08 to rezone part of lot 98 to the Auditor's Plat (931 East High Street) was read by caption only for the second reading.

Resolution 2008-11 to amend the Trident Enterprise Zone Agreement was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Haver seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2008-11 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Foster moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Essex reported that Kent Miller should sign the World Wide web site agreement.

Clerk's Report: Tax Administrator, Cheryl Miller sent a report to council about a meeting she attended.

Police Report: No report was given.

Fire Department: Chief Elwood did not have a report other than a reminder about the dedication of the new fire hall will be held October 5th at 4 pm.

EMS Department: Acting Chief Wendy Goeltzenleuchter invited council to the Annual EMS Banquet October 4th. Wheel Coach needs to be excluded from the bids.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver announced the Chamber Golf Outing Thursday afternoon. The August court report was in the packets.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK