

Regular Council

September 16, 2013 at 6:00 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, Mike Barth, Ron Jones and Mike Headley; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Council members, Ron Beverly and Mick Pocratsky were absent. There were 7 visitors present.

Haver moved to approve the September 3 minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to approve the September 5 minutes. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to approve the bills list with two corrections that Collins pointed out. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Conrad Beck, insurance representative for The Ohio Plan, was present to answer questions relating to our liability insurance. Mark Haver asked if he had any suggestions as to how we could improve the calculation of credit. Conrad replied that he is pretty sure Kent stays right on top of risk management practices. Jones moved to approve the insurance proposal as it is written and without any changes. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Jerry Hayes was present and asked council to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement between Defiance County and NW Partnership LLC/A&P Tool Inc. Six new jobs will be created and six current jobs will be retained. It is a \$500,000 investment. Legislation was read later in the meeting.

Personnel Committee: Jones reported the committee met at 5:30 p.m. today to consider pay raises and insurance rates for 2014. Mark Haver commented the employees received a raise when they went from working 35 hours per week to 40 hours per week plus one last year. He also said it would be prudent to see what BORMA decides about increases before we do anything. Headley stated the committee may want to consider changing the deductible to reduce our insurance premiums. Jones stated he wanted to give raises. Mark Haver believes the economy is not getting better and wants to see more numbers.

Insurance Committee: Headley stated the committee will meet soon.

FIRE/EMS Committee: An updated job description for a full time EMT position was presented to council. Headley moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2013-07 amending section 181.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Hicksville as related to the income taxes was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2013-08 amending Article IV of the Village Income Tax Rules and Regulations was read by caption only for the third reading. Barth moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2013-09 authorizing the clerk/Treasurer to transfer funds was read for the second reading.

Ordinance 2013-11 prohibiting the manufacture, sale and distribution of synthetic drugs was read by caption only for the first reading.

Resolution 2013-15 authorizing an Enterprise Zone Agreement between the County of Defiance and A&P Tool, Inc. and NW Partnership, LLC was read by caption only for the first reading.

Police/Fire/EMS: Bruce Hart reported the Fire Dept. will hold a carnival in conjunction with Trick or Treating on October 26 from 5-7 p.m.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins reported to council that the insurance premiums are most likely going to go up 25%. The BORMA board will meet again in October to take a formal vote to increase rates. Collins asked council to write off some delinquent income tax accounts. Four taxpayers are deceased and the write off totals \$1,347.04. Eleven tax payers have delinquent accounts and filed for bankruptcy at some point. They are also very old and cover a time period from 1991 through 2005 totaling \$3,979.03. Jones

moved to approve writing them off. Haver seconded. All voted yes. Collins gave Mayor Haver and council a copy of a letter from the Defiance County Auditor stating that we will receive less 2014 Local Government Funds than we were previously told we would receive. The difference is \$2,731.82.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver reported that Trick or Treating will take place October 26 from 5 p.m.–7 p.m. Beautification employee, Joyce Hootman won first prize at the fair for her scarecrow she submitted on behalf of the Village. The community was reminded of the Emergency Preparedness meeting to be held Thursday, September 19 at 7 p.m.

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

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Mayor	Clerk/Treasurer