

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting and Re-zoning Hearing

October 3, 2011 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, Ron Beverly, Bruce Hart, Ron Jones, Mick Pocratsky, Mike Barth & Mike Headley; Solicitor, Troy Essex; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins; and Administrator, Kent Miller.

Jones moved to approve the September 19 minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

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

Pocratsky moved to go into executive session to discuss possible land purchase and possible litigation. Headley seconded. All voted yes. (7:03 p.m. – 7:35 p.m.) Headley moved to return to regular session. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Martha Green's bill listed on the agenda was not addressed.

The Merritt Ditch project is going to require some type of conservation easement for a buffer zone. Essex will bring a resolution to allow Soil & Water to act in "that" capacity. It was originally engineered to go further down stream but a lack of grant funds stopped the project from extending that far. Council would like to know what it would cost to continue the project further down stream. Mayor Haver noted he was told this project is costing \$62 per foot.

Public Re-zoning Hearing: Slattery Oil Company Inc. asked to re-zone 502 East High Street a/k/a 194 PT Auditor's Plat from R-3 to General and Local Business. Resident Mike Vowles had been present for the hearing but never returned to the chambers after the executive session. Doug Miller stated he spoke to Mike in the hallway and Mike asked that a fence be put up between the properties. Miller made it clear that he would not make any promises. Essex will bring legislation to the next council meeting.

Insurance: Ohio Plan Risk Management Inc. representative, Conrad Beck, was present to explain the new policy coverage and offered options for additional coverage we do not currently have. The premium cost less Safety Allowance Credit and Advantage Credit is \$38,946.00. Mr. Beck said the insurance covers the replacement cost of property within limits. Jones moved to approve the payment and commitment of three years. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Pocratsky reported his committee met with Utility Clerk, Cheryl Smith, on September 27 to discuss the billing time line. Council was agreeable to changing the billing date to the 20th of the month having the bill remain due on the 15th of the following month or a ten percent penalty will be added. If a bill is unpaid on the 30th of the month the water will be shut off until the bill is paid in full. Also bills will be due on the 15th of the month no matter what day that falls on. Essex was asked to write legislation that would match the policy.

A Monthly Water Report was passed out by the superintendent.

A letter dated September 21, 2011 from the Ohio EPA was passed out to council to keep them updated.

Another Storm Water Steering Committee meeting was set up for October 4 at 6 p.m.

Park Board: September meeting minutes were in council packets. Mayor Haver recommended Park Director, Mike Altman, be taken off probation. Jones moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes. The Park Board has asked the Clerk/Treasurer to add another \$1,000 to their budget so they can buy supplies to do more work at the park. Council was fine with it. Collins said she would bring back an amended appropriations.

HIXTV Committee: September meeting minutes were in council packets.

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met September 26 at 5:30 p.m. to begin the budget process.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the follow:

- The pay request for Horizon Brothers is NOT the final payment. We will be holding back approximately \$5,500 until the tower work is totally completed.
- The Village is hosting the Ohio Water Environment Association annual meeting on October 26. Besides having tours of the sewer plant, they will have a luncheon and training classes at the pavilion throughout the day.
- We are approaching leaf season but until leaves really start dropping for piles, the truck won't be out. There will be a few trial runs to ensure

everything is ready. Miller hopes to have someone sweeping as much as possible to keep the streets and catch basins as clear as possible until the guys get rolling full time and can suck curbs while doing piles. Residents can really help by not blowing leaves and grass in the streets as that simply plugs the catch basins, which causes back-ups. With all the concern about flooding recently, this is a simple, non-expensive way of helping out.

- Miller will be out of town on Village business part of October 18 (roughly 10:30 to 2:00) and then all day on October 19.
- Village offices will be closed Monday, October 10, for Columbus Day.
- Miller has gotten the engineering portion of the Meuse Argonne Waterline okayed by CSX but is not able to get a response to messages left by Miller for other requests. Miller asked council if they want to hold the Vernon Nagle bid until October 9 and reject it or pass the legislation accepting the bid and hope things get here. Jones moved to reject the bid. Pocratsky seconded it. All voted yes.

Jones was asked by a citizen if the 4-way stop is still necessary at the intersection of North Main & Smith Streets. It was pointed out that there is often a lot of semi traffic and pedestrians at that intersection. Council appeared

satisfied that it is still necessary.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2011-19 to award interim and active monies was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2011-08 to establish pay ranges was read by caption only for the first reading. Collins asked everyone to review it and make sure it is the way they want it.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: The MYD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Reports were shared. Tax collections are up 8% compared to the same time last year. Collins is going to a tax meeting in Sylvania on Thursday as there are rumblings that the State of Ohio wants to take over municipal income tax collections. Cities and villages are preparing for a fight. Collins will be on vacation for the next meeting and Leesa Battershell will take minutes.

Mayors Report: Mayor Haver informed council of the County Recognition Dinner. The unemployment rate is 9.2%. Kuddos to the football team.

Headley made a motion to adjourn. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

MAYOR _____
Larry Haver

CLERK/TREASURER _____
Diane Collins