

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

October 4, 2010 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: Mayor Haver, Council members, Mick Pocratsky, Ron Beverly, Mike Barth, Ron Jones, Bruce Hart & Mike Headley; Administrator, Kent Miller; Solicitor, Troy Essex; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.

Jones moved to approve the September 20 minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve the bills list plus the addition of \$21,376 for a 2011 Crown Vic automobile. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Tina Hiler, director of the Defiance County Senior Services asked council to support their replacement levy. Their goal is to help those persons that are 60 years and older live a good quality of life. She names several services they offer. Pocratsky moved to voice support for the replacement levy. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Pocratsky reported the committee met on September 21 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the rate/usage study that was conducted. After much thought and debate the committee is suggesting increasing the sewer minimum bill from \$11 to \$20 per month; charge for the first 1,000 gallons of water; charge every property that has a meter pit a monthly minimum whether there is a house on the property or not; anyone with their water turned off will continue to be charged a monthly minimum. Pocratsky gave a copy of the RCAP information packet to each council member. The committee is going to meet again to firm up the details so Essex can get the legislation written.

Pocratsky and Miller pointed out to council that there is a time table to get sewers separated as this is tied to our sewer plant permits. Miller said we could send in a PTI to try to get the EPA to change their mind but RCAP stated they will want very technical information and it will be difficult to gather the information and get the PTI done within the year.

Mayor Haver stated he had a very informative discussion with someone from the EPA Thursday night.

Cable TV Committee: There will be a committee meeting Saturday, October 9 at 8 am at the school library.

Sidewalk Committee: Miller reported that trees are being cut down as of today. The project deadline is still October 31, 2010.

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Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met September 27 at 5:30 p.m. to review the 2011 departmental budgets and will meet again on October 18 at 6:15 p.m. to audit the financial records .

Park Board: Board member Ron Hurd was present to update council. The Board recently met to work on the 2011 budget. Wages were increased in anticipation of opening the pool. Mayor Haver suggested that donations will need to be collected also.

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Administrator's Report: Miller did not have a report but it was noted leaves will be picked up this year.

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Miscellaneous:
Essex reported that he is working at getting a good legal description of a lot for the water tower project. He feels it will be a pretty easy fix in the process of doing and should be resolved in a few days. It was pointed out that we need this done soon so we don't lose a grant.

Essex asked the dept. heads to point out any corrections in the policy and procedures manual so he can bring a completed copy back to the next council meeting.

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Resolution 2010-13 adopting revised income tax rules and regulations was read by caption only for the third reading. Pocratsky moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2010 – to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Police & Fire Pension Fund was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2010-10 to amend the annual appropriations ordinance was read by caption only for the first reading.

Essex is getting close to having the bio-fuel legislation done.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: The MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Report were passed out.

Police Report: Szabo did not have a report.

Fire Report: Miller told everyone this is Fire Prevention Week and reminded families to be prepared for an emergency and reflect on a escape plan.

Ems Report: Goeltzenleuchter was not present.

Mayors Report: Mayor Haver had the Mayor’s Court report in the council packets for review. Trick or Treat will held October 30. Surveys need to be wrapped up.

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

MAYOR

CLERK
