

Minutes of Regular Council

October 5, 2009 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, Larry Haver; Council members, Ron Beverly, Bruce Hart, Ron Jones, Amy Haver, and Mick Pocratsky; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Council member Ed Foster was absent.

Jones moved to approve the September 21 minutes. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to approve the bills. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Isaac Lee of the Defiance County Economic Development was present to update council on the Defiance County ED, CIC to date. Lee did not know if any of the mentioned rail projects would be using stimulus funds. Beverly asked Lee if previously proposed access roads from our industrial park to Route 18 were still planned. Lee said yes to the section of Industrial Park to Route 49 and yes to the section from Route 49 to Route 2, however the section from Route 2 to Route 18 is dead. Lee explained that it would be easier to get funding for the roadway if there were a new business in the industrial park involved. Beverly asked what steps we could do to be closer to completing the project if that opportunity arose. Tax increment financing (TIF) is an option. Lee said we could get verbal grant agreements with the property owners. Essex suggested signing an option. Miller asked if we could do these things since the property is not in the village limits. Essex and Lee will check on that.

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Committee: Pocratsky and committee met on Monday, September 28. They discussed a manhole on private property and ongoing Haver Drive ditch issues. They will meet again to discuss the upcoming sewer separation.

HIXTV: In Foster's absence Collins reported there will be a meeting Saturday, October 10th at 8 a.m. Station director Bill Murphy was asked to explain why the council meeting has not been live the past three meetings. The station recently moved to the school and equipment that switches the programming is out of order. Mediacom has promised to replace the equipment that will eventually switch from five or six different locations but it has not arrived yet.

Insurance Committee: A discussion about joining the Medical Mutual Network took place. Lower premiums have been offered. Council would like Bob Miller to come to council again. Collins will call him.

Finance Committee: Jones reported a meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12 at 6 p.m. to go over the proposed 2010 budget again.

Administrator's Report:

- There will be no chipping until December.
- Monday is a holiday so the recycling center will not be open.

Miscellaneous:

Essex reported the railroad easements are 99% done.

Ordinance 2009-10 to amend the annual appropriations ordinance was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Utility Clerk Cheryl Smith asked Essex to review information from Official Payment Corp. Essex stated he feels it would be a good means to accept utility payments. Beverly moved to enter into an agreement with Official Payment Corp. once Troy has reviewed and approved the proposal. Hart seconded. All voted yes. It was noted we will have an enrollment fee.

Collins gave council information on the fire levy milages. Currently the .80 mil generates \$14,800 and the 1 mil generates \$25,600. If the voters approved replacement levies the .80 mil would generate \$37,500 and the 1 mil would generate \$46,800. Collins was asked to find out what the cost would be to get it on the ballot.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins put the MTD/YTD income tax report in the council packets.

Police Report: Chief Szabo reported the Enos Rath rededication ceremony turned out very well and thanked Mick Pocratsky for his participation. Pocratsky commended the chief and three officers on their professionalism in presenting the Colors.

Fire Department: Chief Miller stated this is National Fire Prevention Week and he has a couple programs planned for pre-schools and is passing out publications for fire safety to school age children.

EMS Department: Chief Wendy Goeltzenleuchter was not present.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Haver shared the September Mayor’s Court Report.

Mayor Haver received word that the US EPA plans to approve an application from the city of Bryan, Ohio to designate the Michindoh Aquifer as a “sole-source” aquifer. The designation means the aquifer is the only source of drinking water for people in a nine-county area that includes parts of three states.

A Flood Risk Information Open House is going to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 4 Ð 7 p.m. at the Defiance County East building in Defiance. Residents will be able to locate their home on the soon to be published Flood Insurance Rate Map and obtain valuable information on flood insurance coverage offered through the National Flood Insurance Program.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All voted yes.

MAYOR

Larry Haver

CLERK

Diane Collins