

Minutes of Regular Council

October 6, 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, Mick Pocratsky, Bruce Hart, Ron Jones and Ed Foster; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.

Beverly moved to approve the September 15 minutes. Pocratsky stated that he did not give the Personnel Committee report as stated. Haver did it. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

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

Park Director, Ron Bauer was present to answer any questions anyone may have regarding the park. Someone asked Essex to find out why we can not donate bleachers to the fair board. The park board would like the village to purchase the elementary school land and some playground equipment when it sells.

Fire/Police/EMS Committee: Foster reported the committee met prior to this meeting. They recommended purchasing an ambulance from Burgess Ambulance Sales, Inc. for \$117,395 which includes a \$5200 trade-in allowance. Foster moved to have Kent secure the ambulance purchase. Essex will bring written legislation to the next meeting. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. The committee went over policies and procedures for the EMS. Foster said there is no need for paramedics in the Village but the ones that are in classes now will be grandfathered in.

Water/Sewer/Street/Refuse: Pocratsky reported they met on September 29. They proposed establishing water rates for contractors along with a deposit on the hydrant meter. Beverly moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes. The Committee suggested we charge the school the citizens rate rather than the contractors rate during construction of the school. They decided to give the Huber a break on the October water bill. They needed to flush their lines a lot due to a repair the village had to make. Following the policy guidelines, a resident was not granted a break on their water bill.

Personnel Committee: Collins asked the committee to make a recommendation at the next meeting for any raises or employee insurance deduction changes so the budgets can be wrapped up.

Administrator's Report: Kent Miller reported the following:

- Conrad Beck says the Village qualifies for a rate guarantee for next year and wanted to know if we want it. Foster moved to accept. Haver seconded. All voted yes.
- Conrad Beck offered some additional insurance coverage for the Firemen and EMT's. Foster stated the Police/Fire/EMS committee is not interested in it.
- The Spencerville Street project is going forward in the Village limits. Miller was told no water will be directed towards town.
- He is done chipping brush until December when the leaf pick up is done.
- Verizon has not reimbursed us for paving the High Street viaduct dig area.
- The OML conference was very good. Miller mentioned some of the hot topics.

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 third reading. Foster moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2008-06 to amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance was read by caption only for the third reading. Pocratsky moved to table until the next meeting. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2008-07 Adopting Source Water Protection Rules and Regulations was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

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 third reading. Hart moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Isaac Lee is working on the Tax Incentive Program.

Clerk's Report: The MTD/YTD Cash report and Income Tax report were passed out. Tax collections are up 8% compared to this time last year. After attending a BORMA board meeting last week, Collins learned medical insurance is only going to go up 2% and dental will stay the same.

Jones moved to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation and employment. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. (7:53 – 8:21) Foster moved to return to regular session. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Police Report: No report was given.

Fire Department: Chief Elwood passed out fire reports.

EMS Department: No report was given.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver shared the Sept. court report and mentioned Trick or Treating is Nov. 1. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK