Minutes of Regular Council

November 5, 2007 at 7 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, Amy Haver, Ron Jones, Mick Pocratsky, Ron Beverly, Tom Haase and Ed Foster; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.

Foster moved to approve the October 15 minutes. Haase seconded. Beverly abstained. Foster, Pocratsky, Haver, Haase & Jones voted yes.

Jones moved to approve the October 30 minutes. Haase seconded. Beverly & Pocratsky abstained. Foster, Haver, Haase & Jones voted yes.

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

Personnel Committee: Pocratsky reported the committee met prior to this meeting. They recommend a 1 ½% raise for part-time and seasonal employees and a 2 ½% raise for full-time employees. They are going to meet again on November 12 at 5 p.m. to discuss some other issues.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Beverly reported the committee met prior to this meeting to consider some requests for adjustments to utility bills. The committee advised the utility clerk of their answer.

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met on October 29 to go over the 2008 budget. They also discussed trying to get the fire levies renewed. They have not been renewed for many years. It is estimated a renewal would generate an additional $42,000. It was noted we are the lowest millage in the county. We are subsidizing our EMS and fire departments $120,000.

There was some discussion about the annual amount paid to the Economic Development Corporation. Collins noted $15,000 was put in the 2008 appropriations ordinance but council could pay less.

Cable TV Committee: Foster reported the committee met November 3 at 8 a.m. Minutes were passed out. Rev. Knapp has agreed to fulfill the unexpired term of Gerry Lewis. The term will expire on December 31, 2010. Alice Hook has turned in a letter of resignation. We are looking for a replacement.

Administrator's Report: Miller gave a written report:

- Miller included a copy of the refuse pick-up policy in the packets and asked council if they wanted to change it due to residents' complaints. Council did not want to make changes.

- OEPA was in October 17th for about five hours of observation and questions about the sewer plant operations and the collection system in general. They are very happy with our new effluent numbers. The Village still needs to finalize it's Long Term Control Plan. The December 2008 date given for a deadline is a bit misleading. That is the date for the plan to be approved, not submitted. We need to get the plans to them by mid 2008 in order to get approval prior to December 31. If it gets rejected the first time we have to revise and re-submit. The plan is ready to go other than our decision on Phase II. OEPA will be sending a follow up letter about the visit.

- The UV module situation is still at a stand still because of OEPA and DEFA decisions. There is no problem on getting the modules. The hang up is getting a Permit to Install (PTI) for the additional units. It boils down to these choices: 1.) Order just the modules and keep in storage as back ups for the existing units and DEFA will cover the cost. 2.) Pay $460 to OEPA to review a PTI for the modules and if approved DEFA will pay the module costs and construction costs. However, while we would not be asking for any changes in our permit by having the additional modules, there is a chance OEPA will change our permit requirements, load levels, flows, etc. 3.) Pay the $460 and if the PTI changes our status, drop the PTI and go back to option number one. Regardless, we'll be out the $460. Another big problem with this is we need to close out the books soon. DEFA, USEPA, and OPWC want things wrapped up by year's end and USEPA is coming on December 11 to go through all the STAG grant books and documents,

- Miller attended a NOMMA meeting in Perrysburg on 19 October which dealt with road/street funding. Following are some suggestions given.
    1. Assess property owners when repaving a street.
    2. Pass a levy solely for paving projects.
    3. Add a small percentage increase to local income taxes and setting aside for paving.

- Included in your packets is some information regarding ODOT funding categories/projects. Miller wants council to let him know by the end of the year if they want him to pursue a project. The funds will also need to be included in the 2008 budget. It is 80/20 matching

- There are seven change orders related to the fire hall. All are to Zachrich Leasing and each covers extra work required for earlier changes and some additions. The amount totals $10,316.00. The only change order approved at this time was in the amount of $1,438.20. Foster moved to approve. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

- Fire hall expenses for the purchase of the land, demolition, tree removal, permits, engineering, and contractor costs submitted up to this point comes to $832,032.48. This does not count what the FD has purchased separately. Knocking off $108,780 for the property, tree removal, and demolition, we have actually spent $732,252.48 on the building. There will be approximately $60,000 yet to spend on contract items, not counting additional funds needed by the FD to finish up.

Fire Chief Bill Elwood gave Miller a list of "needs" totaling approximately $18,000 - $20,000. Pocratsky recommended Elwood meet with the finance committee to consider the items listed and make recommendations. Council wants Miller to do a punch list.

Miscellaneous: Ordinance 2007-16 to transfer funds was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

Annual Appropriations Ordinance 2007-17 was read by caption only for the first reading.

Essex explained the proposed Milford and Farmer EMS contracts placed before council tonight. A couple council members voiced concerns about covering more territory when not long ago we were short of help to cover our own area.

Resolution 2007-17 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an EMS contract with Milford Township was read by caption only for the first reading. Foster moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. Foster, Jones, Haase, Haver & Pocratsky voted yes. Beverly voted no. Resolution 2007-17 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Jones moved to approve. Haase seconded. Foster, Jones, Haase, Haver & Pocratsky voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Resolution 2007-18 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an EMS contract with Farmer Township was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Foster seconded. Foster, Jones, Haase, Haver & Pocratsky voted yes. Beverly voted no. Resolution 2007-18 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Haase moved to approve. Jones seconded. Foster, Jones, Haase, Haver & Pocratsky voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Clerk's Report: The MTD/YTD Cash Statement and Income Tax Report were passed out. Council was given a list of old income tax accounts that are uncollectible. Jones moved to approve writing them off. Haver seconded. All voted yes. New BORMA rates were shared with council. There is going to be a 4% premium increase in 2008.

Police: No report was given.

Fire: Chief Elwood passed out the monthly stats. He is working on setting up computer reports.

EMS: No report was given.

Mayor's Report: The October Mayor's Court Report was passed out.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR CLERK