

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

November 7, 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, Bruce Hart, Ron Jones, Mick Pocratsky, Mike Barth, Ron Beverly & Mike Headley; Solicitor, Troy Essex; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Administrator, Kent Miller was absent. There were approximately 14 persons present.

Jones moved to approve the October 19 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Headley seconded. Jones, Barth, Headley, Pocratsky & Hart voted yes. Beverly abstained.

Jones moved to approve the November 3 Special Council Meeting minutes. Pocratsky seconded.

Beverly moved to approve the bills. Barth seconded. Council asked Collins to let them know the balance owed to Underground Utility. All voted yes.

Resident, Tom Sholl was present and spoke at the end of the council meeting. He wants to know if things are moving on the Village purchasing the land behind the sewer plant to put in a retention pond. Mayor Haver responded that he had personally spoken to the property owner who told him when the beans are off we could get on the area to look things over but the water and sewer committee need to look into it. Sholl stated things need to keep going. Mayor Haver mentioned that the proposed project would probably require metering and an engineer.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Pocratsky reported the committee met on October 20. They discussed a number of items. They like the idea of the Village purchasing its own video camera. Beverly pointed out that Miller should also check the cost of insuring said camera. The price tag to extend the Merritt Ditch project would be \$280,000. It was decided that we can talk about doing that in the future. The committee met with the Sanitary and StormWater Advisory Committee and were agreeable to two recommendations. 1) Clean tile from the lot beside the funeral home on North Main Street over to the railroad tracks. 2) Clean from same tile about two hundred yards to Husted's ditch. Mayor Haver stated the mouth of the tile where it reaches the ditch is already cleaned. The committee thought the Village should request that South Gordon Creek be put on ditch maintenance. Mayor Haver added the following: We are working on the Oak Park area. We have already checked two tiles coming from Parker Hannifin to Merritt Ditch. The other ditch is running very well.

The committee also met with water superintendent, Jessi Elson and was told that damage is being caused to our meter pits when unauthorized individuals are opening them up. She brought a sample ordinance that would put a stiff penalty on anyone that tampered with our meters.

Jessi also updated council on the north and south water tower projects.

Park Board: The October meeting minutes were in the council packet along with a letter sent from the Park Board dismissing a coach. A letter in support of the coach was also placed on the table. Headley reported the matter will be discussed at the next Park Board meeting.

Revolving Loan Committee: Minutes from two meetings were passed out.

Police/Fire/EMS Committee: Headley has called a meeting for November 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2011 – 22 opposing State control of collecting municipal income tax was read by caption only for the second reading. Barth moved to suspend the rules. Hart seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2011 was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2011 – 23 to loan revolving loan funds to Manure Management Industries LLC was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Headley seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2011-23 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Pocratsky moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2011 – 24 to loan revolving loan funds to Adroit Thinking Inc. was read by caption only for the first reading.

Resolution 2011 – 25 to loan revolving loan funds to FWT Inc. was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Headley seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2011-15 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Hart moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2011 – 26 to enter into a land lease agreement with Alltel Communications LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless for real property owned by the Village was read by caption only for the first reading.

Ordinance 2011 – 8 to update the pay ordinance was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2011-10 amending section 925.02 to change the utility bill billing cycle was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2011 – 11 the 2012 Annual Appropriations was read by caption only for the first reading.

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

The quarterly cable TV Franchise Statement was reviewed and Collins pointed out that it did not appear that the same franchise fees were being collected as in 2010. She sent Mediacom a letter pointing this out and spoke to Esther Viles about it today. Esther explained that the State of Ohio licensing fee may not require the same Franchise Fees be withheld as before. Esther assured her that Mediacom will look into it and correct the matter.

Collins informed council of her intent to retire with the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System on December 31, 2011. She told council she would be willing to forfeit two months of OPERS retirement pay and come back to work January 1, 2012 at which time council would have to appoint her for three months of her unexpired term. Collins is currently on the ballot unopposed so her new term would begin April 1, 2012.

Police: Chief Szabo did not have a report.

Fire Department: Chief Miller did not have a report.

EMS: No report

Mayor Report: On December 3rd there will be a Christmas parade and tree lighting downtown. The October Mayor’s Court report was passed out. Kudos to the Aces football team for winning their first playoff game and to the HHS band which received 20th place at the Mid State Band Contest.

Mike Barth thanked the Fire Dept. and Rotary for the successful Halloween carnival that was held.

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

MAYOR _____
Larry Haver

CLERK/TREASURER _____
Diane Collins