

Minutes of Regular Council

November 19, 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, and Ed Foster; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Council member Tom Haase was absent.

Foster moved to approve the November 5 minutes with the following correction to the HIXTV minutes. "Mayor Haver recommended Reverend Knapp to the Cable TV committee. Haase moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes." Haver seconded the motion to approve the November 5 minutes as corrected. All voted yes.

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

Richard Kroeger of the O.E.P.A. gave a Power Point Presentation on Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP). We have had our assessment done since 1995. He said Hicksville has a low susceptibility to contamination. Things we need to do: have a protection plan, education strategy, contingency plan, groundwater monitoring, potential contaminant source inventory. The expense would be for printing materials. Legislation would need passed. This would be advantageous in getting EPA grants and loans. No unfunded mandates will be attached. Water superintendent Hal Osmun was present and stated he just wanted to run this by council before going to the county commissioners. He would like to put more wellhead protection signs around the township. Council will give an answer at the next meeting.

Isaac Lee of Defiance County Economic Development was present to update council on their activities in Hicksville. In 18 months he plans to have a strategic plan for Hicksville. The possibility of rail service to the Dietrich building was discussed. Isaac stated it is cost prohibitive however for \$250,000 a spur could be put across from Crook Miller on Crook Street. It could host ten cars per month.

Personnel Committee: Pocratsky and committee met November 12 and agreed to the following: leave the summer youth/adult directors pay the same; strike verbiage in Section 147 of the Village Ordinances which allows public employees being hired by the Village of Hicksville to bring along their sick & vacation leave; get a professional policy and procedures handbook made. Troy was asked to re-write the Section 147.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Beverly and committee met with Rick Weaver about the storm water retention plan. The general plan is developed. They feel it just needs tweaked yet.

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met on November 12. Fire Chief Bill Elwood informed the committee of a list of "needs" for the fire hall. Items include countertops, phone system, NFPA fill station, and 25 cement stops on the driveway. Jones moved to approve the purchases. Foster seconded. All voted yes. Bill is getting quotes for flooring. The corner of the building was repaired today. The committee recommends trying to get the fire levy renewed since we are subsidizing the fire department and EMS \$125,000 per year. Collins will give everyone the history of the fire levies. Jones moved to get the process started. Pocratsky seconded. Beverly voted no. Haver, Foster, Jones & Pocratsky voted yes.

Cable TV Committee: Foster reported Dusty Harris has agreed to be a committee member. Mayor Haver recommended Dusty Harris to the Cable TV Committee effective January 1, 2008. The term is to expire December 31, 2013. Pocratsky moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- The recycling lot will revert to winter hours in December. Leaves will not be picked up Thursday and Friday due to the holiday.
- The same six fire hall change orders were brought back to council. There are still unanswered questions. Miller will have Steve Zachrich come to the next council meeting to answer questions.
- The East High Street sewer project has some changes orders that need approved. The first one is for \$69 for an additional 10" boot. Jones moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes. The second was for \$2,519.63 due to down time while a video of the line was being done. Jones moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation. Jones seconded. All voted yes. (8:12 p.m. – 8:28 p.m.) Returned to regular session.

- The third change order for \$2,073.04 was for down time while the engineer investigated a potential problem. Beverly moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.
- Gordon Creek Granite asked to have the water and sewer tap fees waived. Beverly moved to approve. Foster seconded. All voted yes. It could not be established that anyone promised that we would pay to have the lines bored.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2007-19 authorizing a loan to Adroit, d/b/a 5-Acre Mill for \$86,250 was read by caption only for the first reading. Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2007-19 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Foster moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

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

Ordinance 2007-18 to establish pay ranges was read by caption only for the first reading.

An emergency Housing Rehabilitation request was brought to councils' attention. A resident by the name of Sarah Robinson is in need of a new furnace. A local contractor checked the need out and verified it. He bid \$2,000 to install a new furnace. MVPO is sending the necessary paper work to her to be filled out pending councils' decision. Foster moved to approve to expenditure. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Clerk's Report: Collins passed out notes from a tax meeting that Cheryl Miller had attended.

Police: No report was given.

Fire: Chief Elwood asked council to approve Austin Talbott for the fire department. Mayor Haver made the recommendation. Pocratsky moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

EMS: No report was given.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver put an EPA report in the packets. It referenced Nine Minimum Control Implementation/Collection System Inspection. It was strongly noted by Miller the plan needed to be implemented and approved by December 31, 2008.

The idea of bringing the police and EMS back up town has been discussed during the building of the new fire hall. Now that the fire department has moved out, a floor plan to remodel the 111 South Main Street garage into offices for the police department and EMS was put in the packets. It was pointed out that this was not the most current plan. Mayor Haver will call the engineer and try to get a copy of the latest drawing. Miller voiced his concerns about the American Disabilities Act since the EMS offices may be in the basement.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK