

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

December 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Michael Headley.

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; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins; and Administrator, Kent Miller. There were 10 visitors present.

Jones moved to approve the November 21 minutes. Hart seconded. Hart, Barth, Pocratsky & Jones voted yes. Beverly abstained.

Beverly moved to approve two bills lists. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Minutes were in the packets for a variance request by Slattery Oil. Slattery Oil asked the Board to waive the footage requirements contained in Ordinance 1165.16 for the property at Lot 194 PT of the Auditor's Plat a/k/a 502 E. High Street.

Susan Mack of the Hicksville Beautification Committee gave a written report to council on the work done around the village in 2011 and proposed projects for 2012. She thanked council for their support.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Pocratsky reminded everyone of the meeting scheduled for December 7, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. RCAP and Defiance County Soil & Water Conservation District are invited to attend. Headley commended the village crew on their work during the heavy rains last week. Residents Tom and Sandy Sholl also thanked the workers for keeping the water out of their house. Purchasing a larger pump was discussed. The Oak Park residents have asked themselves what has changed in the last few years that may allow this flooding. Sholl's noted that discussions around town state there used to be a lane behind Marv Edwards home on West High Street. Along the lane was a swale that caught the water and ran it to a creek behind Slattery's on Antwerp Drive. Headley promised the residents the Village will take care of the problem.

Park Board: Member Toni Egley was present but had nothing to report.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- The recycle lot is now on winter hours.
- Friday, December 9 is the final day for leaf pickup
- They have begun filling the North water tower.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2011 – 24 to loan revolving loan funds to Adroit Thinking Inc. was read by caption only for the third reading. Barth moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2011-27 to enter into an agreement with the Defiance County Commissioners for the recovery of monies expended for providing legal counsel to indigents was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2011-27 was read by caption only for the second and third reading. Pocratsky moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2011-28 to pay the sum of \$5,000 to the Defiance County Soil & Water District for procuring a negative easement was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Barth seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2011-28 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Pocratsky moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2011 – 11 the 2012 Annual Appropriations was read by caption only for the third reading after Collins explained some adjustments from the last version. Jones moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Police Report: Chief Szabo was present but did not have a report.

Fire Report: Chief Miller gave council copies of the proposed guidelines for a part-time EMS position being set up. Beverly asked Miller if there are any EMT’s currently enrolled in classes.

Miller stated no. Beverly asked Miller if the EMS Chief could teach classes here in Hicksville. Miller stated the EMS Chief could teach a basic class here in Hicksville if there were students

EMS Report: The EMS Chief was not present.

Clerk’s Report: Collins shared the MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Report. She verified who intended to attend the Exit conference Wednesday with the State Auditor’s. It was noted the first meeting in January will be Tuesday, January 3.

Mayor Pro Tem’s Report: The November court report was in the council packets. Headley reported Mayor Haver filed a petition with the Defiance County Soil & Water District; Thanked the employees for their efforts fighting rising water last week; Thanked Bill Murphy, village employees and the Chamber for the Christmas festivities.

Pocratsky moved we go into executive session to discuss property purchase. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. (8:45 p.m. – 8:55 p.m.) Pocratsky moved to return to regular session. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Pocratsky reported that the recently discovered log cabin is still available and he would like to see council pursue obtaining it. Beverly volunteered to speak to Jim Slattery about acquiring it.

Barth moved to adjourn. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

MAYOR _____ CLERK/TREASURER _____
Larry Haver Diane Collins