

Minutes of Regular Council

December 17, 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, Tom Haase, Mick Pocratsky, Ron Beverly, and Ed Foster; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.

Foster moved to approve the December 3 minutes. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Pocratsky moved to approve the bills. Jones seconded. Haver, Foster, Jones, Haase & Pocratsky voted yes. Beverly voted no. Jones will arrange to have park director, Ron Bauer, come to a council meeting to answer some questions.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Minutes of the December 13 meeting was passed out. The board approved a lot split between Slattery Farms and the Village of Hicksville.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Beverly has set up a meeting for December 27 at 5 p.m. The committee will review the proposed storm water policy.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- Leaf pick up is done. Brush was picked up last week.
- Holiday refuse pick ups will be Wednesdays and Thursdays for Christmas & New Years. Friday will be used if necessary. Boxes and other materials will be accepted as well. The next general pickup will be in April
- Mike Scranton will be the water treatment plant operator now. Troy Sargent will remain as foreman. Sargent recently obtained his operator's license so will receive a pay increase of 50 cents per hour. Osmun will be a Grade I Laborer.
- Miller gave a public policy for offensive remarks he made. The resident affected was present and accepted Miller's apology.
- Three outstanding change orders on the fire hall were brought up. Those were door hinges, downtime for site utility work, and bonding. Present problems are the furnace not working properly and cracks in the floor and wall.
- A new church built on Meuse Argonne has caused rain water to run over the top of Maple Lane and into a catch basin on the other side of the road. Miller has been in contact with the County and they are supposed to be taking care of the issue. The plans showed water was going to be run north to a creek but instead flows south. It was noted water is now laying at Parker Hannifin where it has never laid before. It was suggested Tony Nighswander be called and the county contacted again.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2007-17 the annual appropriations ordinance was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve as an emergency. Haase seconded. Haver, Foster, Jones, Haase & Pocratsky voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Ordinance 2007-18 to establish pay ranges was read by caption only for the third reading. Foster moved to approve as an emergency. Haasae seconded. Haver, Foster, Jones, Haase & Pocratsky moved to approve. Beverly abstained.

Ordinance 2007-19 to amend Section 147.01 was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2007-20 to amend Section 147.04 was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2007-21 to amend the annual appropriations ordinance was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Haase seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2007-21 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Foster moved to approve as an emergency. Pocratsky seconded All voted yes.

Essex passed out another proposed EMS contract. A lengthy discussion on billing and the pros & cons of entering into such an agreement followed. Council should let Essex know if they want any changes.

The following agenda items were not discussed.

Status of Section 125 for payroll insurance deduction

further information about CAUV as related to platting industrial park

Railroad Street Easements

Status on vacating Edgerton Street alley

Clerk's Report: Fire payroll was passed out.

Police: No report was given.

Fire: No fire report was given.

EMS: No report was given.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver swore in Mick Pocratsky, Bruce Hart & Diane Collins for new terms. Jones swore in Mayor Haver.

Everyone is invited to the Defiance county recognition dinner.

Mayor Haver recognized Tom Haase for his years of service.

The November court report was in the packets.

Beverly moved to go into executive session for personnel. Haase seconded. All voted yes. (8:30 p.m. – 9:13 p.m.) Returned to regular session. The next council meeting will be 6 p.m. on January 7th.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK