

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

December 19, 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; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins; and Administrator, Kent Miller. There were 8 visitors present.

Beverly moved to approve the December 5 minutes. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Pocratsky moved to approve two bills lists. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Board of Zoning Appeals: A public hearing was scheduled for December 8 to consider a request for a conditional use permit at 728 Ogen Street. The hearing is rescheduled for December 28 due to not having a quorum.

Another public hearing is scheduled for January 5, 2012 at 4 p.m. to consider a request for lot splits on East Smith Street by the Hicksville Schools.

Cable TV Committee: Barth told council that the committee would like to pay station manager, Bill Murphy the Youth pay that is currently established in the pay ordinance. He has already been working with 10 to 12 student volunteers and Mrs. Sweet's class all year. The station manager and youth director job descriptions are in the process of being tweaked. Hart moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes. Beverly wanted to know why station 10 has a high pitch screeching sound all the time. No one knew.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Pocratsky reported on the meeting held December 7, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. with the committee, RCAP and Defiance County Soil & Water Conservation District. RCAP is going to be sending a contract for services to do the GIS mapping of our underground lines. They are also going to prepare a Scope of Services to hire consultants for our projects to eliminate Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO's). Pocratsky reminded everyone that it is still necessary for all residents and businesses to get downspouts out of the sewer system. There may be grant funds available to help do that. It was noted we need legislation to force people to do that. Another idea is to make rain gardens that have been mentioned in the past. The water superintendent's November Water Supply and Treatment Report of Operations was passed out. Elson was present and reported the North Tower is back in service. Meuse Argonne water line hook ups are being done this week and the street should be open by Christmas.

Park Board: Park Director, Mike Altman was present but had nothing to report.

Personnel Committee: Jones reported the committee will review applications for the zoning inspector position.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly reported the administrator found a grant like Safe Routes to School which would only apply to certain areas of the community but may be an option to get some new sidewalks or repairs to current sidewalks. The project will be put off until 2012 in case the committee members change at the beginning of the year.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- Leaf pickup is over. A total of 89 box-truck loads were collected.
- Village employees will pick up evergreen trees after Christmas.
- There will be a general pickup December 27 & 28 and January 3 & 4. There is still a dumpster at the recycling lot for cardboard,
- No bids were received for the sewer camera so it will be rebid in January.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2011-13 increasing the bond required prior to curb excavation and road excavation for sewer work was read by caption only for the first reading. Beverly does not like Section 921.01 (e) of the ordinance. He explained that a toilet flushing would have more force in a four inch pipe vs. a six inch pipe and therefore, keep it cleaned out better.

Ordinance 2011- 14 to amend the Annual Appropriations was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2011-14 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Barth moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Essex stated for years the Village has been paying property taxes on a parcel of land that Floyd Ballinger says he owns. The parcel in question is a triangular shaped piece of property that is about three quarters of an acre along the railroad tracks in the 700 block of North Main Street. Essex had several searches done but was unable to find a deed to the property. Ballinger would like a Quit Claim Deed from us. Beverly moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

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

Fire Report: Chief Miller asked Essex if he brought an ordinance to establish a new part time EMT position. Essex said he will bring it to the next meeting. Collins asked Miller for an electronic version of the new job description for her files. Christmas For Kids pick up is December 23 at the fire hall.

EMS Report: The EMS Chief was not present.

Clerk’s Report: The second half of the year wage reports for the EMS and Fire Department were passed out. Collins stated she is in the process of closing the books out for the year. As Bruce Hart’s council term ends December 31, he took the time to state his appreciation to all he worked with over the years. He enjoyed serving the community.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Haver presented Bruce Hart with a plaque as a thank you for his years served on council. He also applauded the village employees and the committee members who served him this past year.

Hart moved to adjourn. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

MAYOR _____ CLERK/TREASURER _____
Larry Haver Diane Collins