

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Collins, followed by the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll call was taken with the following persons in attendance: Mayor Diane Collins; Council members Ron Jones, Shelia Baker, Ron Beverly, Mike Headley, Mike Barth, Councilman-elect Eric Bassett; Solicitor Troy Essex; and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Administrator Kent Miller was absent.

Eric Bassett was sworn in by the Mayor. He was chosen to replace Mick Pocratsky who was elected as County Commissioner. Bassett will finish his term, which runs until December 31, 2019.

Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on December 19th were presented. Ron Jones moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

A Public Hearing was held January 3rd at 6 pm in council chambers to discuss rezoning on Wendell Avenue. One portion will go from MHP (mobile home park) to R4 residential, and another portion will go from MHP to M-1 light industrial. There were no comments or objections.

A copy of the 2016 Permits and Applications was presented to council.

Boards & Commissions:

Cable TV meeting minutes from December 17th were in the packets.

The Park Board met with an architect/engineer to discuss construction of ADA restrooms. Minutes were not available at this time but will be submitted shortly. It was also reported that they are seeking a grant to help with the cost.

Council Committees:

Water & Sewer met tonight before council to discuss the ongoing sewer projects, the cost of the administration and observation of those projects. They also approved the Utility Department to change over to MuniLink as their billing software. Ron Beverly mentioned that it would be a good time to add a line for sidewalks if council so decides.

The Cemetery Board will meet January 11th - the Sidewalk Committee will meet soon but the date has not been set.

Administrator's Report:

The mayor read Miller's report to council. He reported on refuse collection during the holidays. He also asked to close the recycle lot during January and February each year. It is not cost effective to keep open during this time due to weather. Ron Jones made a motion to approve the request. Mike Headley seconded it. All voted yes.

Solicitor's Report:

Ordinance 2016-18 extending the time for longevity pay was read for the second time by caption only. It was reworded to remove the misleading time frame.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Monty Ballinger has submitted his intention to retire in March of this year.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer had no report.

EMS Chief Loni Kesler reported the Rescue Squad will host a breakfast on the 21st at the Fire Hall. The time is 8 am until noon and the cost is a free will offering. She also submitted the EMS Collection Report for December 31, 2016.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- MTD/YTD Cash Report.
- MTD/YTD Income Tax Report
- MTD/YTD Revolving Loan Listing

Mayor's Report:

- The mayor handed out an updated Committee List.
- She read the names of the employees who have received longevity bonuses:
 - Steve Talbott, Police Officer, 20 years
 - Billy Laney, Operations, 10 years
 - Brent Neidhardt, Fireman, 20 years
 - Dustin Evans, Fireman, 20 years

- Bruce Silcott, Fireman, 15 years
- Stephen Joyner, Fireman, 10 years
- Austin Daniels, Fireman, 5 years
- Derrick Elson, EMT, 5 years

Dave Martin, a resident who lives on Haver Drive, was present to speak to council. He had a lot of questions about the Clearview Subdivision Project that will begin mid-January. Ron Jones attempted to answer his questions and allay any fears he may have. Jones stated that the land behind Haver Drive is not property of the village and therefore is not part of the project. He said we are replacing the water line, the sewer line, digging out the swales, replacing tiles under driveways where necessary, and replacing and repairing any damage done to lawns or drives during the project. He also told Mr. Martin the street will have minimal cuts since most of the lines in question run through lawns, not in the street. He said there will be big machinery in the area, but there is not much we can do about that. Mike Barth told him the village would maintain the swales in the future. He also reminded Mr. Martin he is always available as Chairman of the Water/Sewer Committee any time to answer questions. It only takes a phone call to get the correct answer to any questions. Ron Beverly assured Mr. Martin that the tiles in the field behind Haver Drive are cut off and do not drain rainwater down to the Wastewater Plant. Mr. Martin also asked council to annex the front row (homes on St Rt 18) into the village. Jones replied that the village cannot do that. The residents who live there have to agree and ask to be annexed.

The final business of the night was to elect Council President. Mike Headley nominated Ron Jones to continue as president. Shelia Baker nominated Mike Barth, who declined the nomination. She then nominated Ron Beverly. Ron Beverly made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

Roll call to approve Ron Jones: Headley, Jones, Barth, Bassett voted yes, Baker and Beverly no.

Roll call to approve Ron Beverly: Baker and Beverly voted yes. Headley, Jones, Barth and Bassett voted no.

Ron Jones was approved as Council President for 2017.

With no other business to discuss, Mike Barth made a motion to adjourn. Eric Bassett seconded. All voted yes. Council was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer