

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, February 5th, 2018, 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 read with the following persons in attendance: Council members Shelia Baker, Mike Barth, Eric Bassett, Ron Beverly, and Ron Jones; Solicitor Troy Essex; Administrator Jim Brown and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Councilman Larry Ridgway was absent.

Minutes from the January 15th Regular Council Meeting and January 29th Special Council Meeting were presented. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Ron Jones moved to approve the bills. Mike Barth seconded. Baker, Barth, Jones and Bassett voted yes. Beverly voted no. No specific reason was given.

The Mayor read a Proclamation naming February as Career & Technical Education Month. She also reported on her visit with students at the 4 County Technical Center earlier in the week.

Boards & Commissions:

- The **Park Board** met January 17th and minutes were in the packets.
- The **Beautification Committee** met January 22nd and minutes were in the packets.
- The **Hicksville Union Cemetery Board** met January 24th and minutes were in the packets. *Of note: An ad will be in the Tribune February 21st and 28th announcing the time frame to have any flowers or ornaments removed for cemetery cleaning. They must be removed from March 8th through the 23rd.*

Council Committees:

- The **Police & Fire Committee** met January 17th and January 31st and minutes were in the packets. *The mayor recommended to council they remove Kirk Stickney from probation as Police Chief. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the move, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Council thanked Stickney for his good work.*
- The **Water/Sewer Committee** met January 22nd and January 31st and minutes were in the packets. *The meetings were mainly to discuss the housing project on the site of the old golf course. No decisions were made, the meetings were only informational. After some discussion and questions & answers, all of council was in agreement to have a "wait and see" attitude since it is too early to make any firm decisions. The mayor thanked the committee for working hard to gather information and bring it to council.*
- The **Ordinance Committee** met January 23rd and minutes were in the packets. *Chairman Baker reported they want signs up with Park hours, which will be enforced. Essex said no legislation was needed, only a decision by the Park Board. The committee also wants council to consider refusing any service tie-in unless the property is annexed to the village. Essex will write legislation and bring it to council for a vote.*

NOTE: All meeting minutes are available in their entirety in the Fiscal Officer's office at 111 South Main Street, Hicksville or by email request to hixcs@defnet.com.

Administrator's Report:

- A written report was in the packet. *Borderline Construction is to begin the Park Restroom Project by February 18th. Chicago Avenue has not been moved into Phase II by the EPA – more paperwork is due. Notice to the Public: Flushable Wipes are not flushable. They are causing havoc clogging lift stations. Please stop flushing them.*

Solicitor's Report:

- The Sherwood Income Tax reminder remains on the agenda

Department Heads:

Police Chief Kirk Stickney handed out his January incident summary report. He also asked the mayor to recommend OPOTA certified Tyler Maynard for the open full-time position. She recommended Maynard pending a good physical, drug screen, and background check. Ron Beverly made a motion to accept the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer submitted a year-end report on 2017. He also reported Cody Royer is stepping down as a full-time EMT Chief to take another position. He will remain as a volunteer EMT. Cramer will be advertising in the Tribune and Crescent for a replacement. Cramer also asked council to approve hiring a grant writing company to help apply for a federal grant for equipment and/or a new fire

truck to replace the one we have that is 27 years old. Ron Jones made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

EMS Chief Cody Royer asked the mayor to recommend Rachel Shaffer, currently working as an RN, to take the basic class and join the squad. The mayor made the recommendation pending a good physical, drug screen and background check. Mike Barth made a motion to accept the mayor’s recommendation, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes. The class should run from April to about September.

Park Director Val Shull was absent. No report given.

Fiscal Officer Report:

The following reports were in the council packets

- MTD/YTD Cash Report
- Income Tax Collections Report
- Utility Collections Report
- January Mayor’s Court Report
- January Police Department Collections Report
- December Mediacom Franchise Fee Report
- OML Notice concerning proposed legislation
- Bryan and Clearview Projects letter of “Substantial Completion”
- Jones & Henry letter asking for an extension of their contract
- Phase I Long Term Control Plan update
- 7 Change-Orders for the N Main Waterline Project
- Change-Order for the Clearview Sewer Project / Final Payment Request

Mayor’s Report:

- Memo from Defiance Co. Commissioners about the 2018 Demolition Project
- Update on CRA membership: Mayor has 3 names: Taylor Klepper, Michel Mazur and Jim Siler. She still needs council to add one more.
- Information on her meeting with the Defiance County Drug Free Coalition - they request Hicksville support Defiance in their move to prevent Medical Marijuana facilities being located in Defiance. Ron Beverly and Sheila Baker wanted to remain neutral. After some discussion of benefit vs no benefit, and input from the Police Chief, Ron Jones made a motion to support the cause, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- The mayor read her “State of the Village” annual report to council.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shelia Baker. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer