

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, February 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Ron Jones, who presided in place of the mayor as she was out of town.

A prayer was given by Jones and the Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all present.

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

Minutes from the Special Council Meeting on January 25th were presented. Mike Barth moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mike Headley. Baker, Bassett, Beverly, Barth voted yes. Headley abstained.

A list of bills to be paid was presented to council. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Shelia Baker. Baker, Bassett, Headley, Beverly voted yes, with Mike Barth abstaining.

Boards & Commissions:

- *Cable TV* meeting minutes from January 14th were in the packets.
- *Park Board* minutes from the January 18th meeting were in the packets.
- *Cemetery Board* meeting minutes from January 17th were in the packets. Baker also announced the resignation of Josh Metz as Sexton. If anyone is interested in the job, please contact Zane Zeedyk at 10770 Rosedale Rd, Hicksville.
- *Revolving Loan Fund* Committee meeting minutes from January 9th were in the packets.

Council Committees:

- *Water & Sewer* minutes from the January 30th meeting were in the packets.
- The utility deposit is being raised. The average final bill is \$174.00 and the deposit is \$100.00. Council was asked to make it \$200.00 beginning March 1st. Mike Barth made a motion to accept the new amount and change the policy. Mike Headley seconded the motion. Headley, Barth, Baker, Beverly and Bassett voted yes. Barth also reported that the Haver Drive/Clearview Town Hall Meeting held Monday January 23rd was successful with lots of questions and opinions.
- The *Sidewalk Committee* presented minutes from their January 17th meeting. They still have details to work out and will bring specifics to council when they do so.

Administrator's Report:

Miller presented a "Resolution of Violation" letter having to do with the problem earlier this year at the wastewater treatment plant. It has been resolved and approved by the EPA.

He also gave council a copy of the most recent proposal for services from EMH&T. No one appeared to be in favor of accepting it at this time.

Haver Drive/ Clearview project is about to begin. The street lights are being pulled on the 13th. If a mailbox is removed, it will be reset the same day. No mail disruption should occur longer than possibly one day.

Solicitor's Report:

- **Ordinance 2017-01** had the second reading by caption only to levy a tax for fire protection
- **Resolution 2017-01** was read for the second time by caption only to present Police Chief Monty Ballinger his badge and service weapon upon his retirement.
- Essex reminded council they will have to make a decision about updating the sidewalk and utility ordinances before he can bring legislation to be voted on. They need to decide how they are going to handle the sidewalk issue. If they decide to establish a sidewalk fund, a new line item will need to be established by resolution. He brought sidewalk legislation tonight but Beverly asked it not to be read yet. Essex then reminded council we are waiting on a decision from RCAP in regards to the new OWDA loan and current rates being in line.
- Essex reported that he has nothing new to report on Haynes Trucking.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Monty Ballinger had no report.

Councilman Beverly announced that applications for Police Chief had been vetted, interviews have been done and the committee is asking the mayor to approve hiring Lt. Kirk Stickney to replace Monty Ballinger, who retires in March. Acting Mayor Ron Jones recommended the hiring to council. Mike Headley made a motion to accept the Mayor’s recommendation, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Stickney was in the audience and was recognized and congratulated. Beverly thanked everyone that applied. He also announced an Open House will be held February 24th at the Huber from 1 pm to 3 pm to send Monty into retirement after 36 years on the force. Everyone is invited.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer submitted his January reports for the Fire Department and EMS.

EMS Chief Loni Kesler was absent. The new Stryker cot has been installed and training was going on at the Fire Hall.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- MTD/YTD Cash Report.
- Letter from Chapman & Chapman updating BORMA about the first 11 days of the Trump presidency and health care
- 2016 Financial Report from the Hicksville Union Cemetery
- January Revolving Loan Report
- January Police Department Report
- January Mayor’s Court Report
- MTD/YTD Income Tax Collections Report

Mayor’s Report:

- Jones reported to council on the Mayor’s Business & Industry meeting held January 25th at the hospital. He reported that the attendance was impressive, with most businesses and industry in Hicksville represented. He also noted that a representative from Robert Latta’s office was there. Everyone felt it was a great success.
- There were handouts from the Defiance County CIC and the Mayor’s Alliance in the packets.
- Jones reminded everyone of the HHS post-prom fundraising dinner February 10th at the school. It will be from Fazoli’s. Tickets are available at the school or from any post-prom committee member.
- A Proclamation by the Mayor recognized February as “Career and Technical Education” month.
- Joyce Hootman has resigned as Beautification Coordinator. If anyone is interested in the position, please contact anyone on the committee.

Other Discussions/Announcement:

- Ron Jones asked anyone having problems with Frontier to call the company and make it known. He has heard reports of declining service and long waits.
- Ron Beverly asked if the new Industrial Park Sign could have a section added to advertise our “Land for Jobs” program. He said at this time only a “lots for sale” is showing. It was referred to the Architectural Committee for follow-up.
- Beverly asked Fire Chief Cramer to look into having the hydraulic cots fixed so they can be sold. Currently we have 3 cots sitting in the garage. They will not be worth selling unless they are repaired. Cramer agreed.
- Mike Barth announced the Rotary “all-you-can-eat” pancake & sausage supper at the school Saturday from 4 pm to 6 pm before the game.

With no other business to discuss, Mike Headley made a motion to adjourn. Mike Barth seconded. All voted yes. Council was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer