

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Collins, who then gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all present.

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

Minutes from the February 20th Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mike Headley. 4 votes yes, with Jones and Beverly abstaining.

A list of bills to be paid was presented to council. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Eric Bassett. 5 votes yes, Mike Barth abstained.

Boards & Commissions:

- *Cemetery Board* met with applicants for the sexton job. They have hired both Ron Bauer and Ken Blair.
- Minutes from the *Planning Commission* February 22nd meeting were in the packets. They have approved a lot split at 223 W. Edgerton Street.

Council Committees:

- The *Sidewalk Committee* met before the council meeting tonight and are still split 2 to 1 about adding a \$3.00 charge to the utility bills and having the village be responsible for sidewalks. Baker also said she would like the restriction lifted so people can ride bikes, skateboards, etc. on the downtown sidewalks.
- Ron Beverly asked about the painting being done in the hallway since his committee wasn't consulted. He wanted to know if new front doors were also being installed and was told no. The only remodeling at the present time is paint in the hallway and restrooms and new floor tiles.
- Ron Jones reported that we have been contacted by Sherwood with a proposition that we collect their village income taxes. Presently they use RITA, but are unhappy with the customer service, which is apparently lacking. Attending the meeting were Ron Jones (Finance Committee), Mayor Collins, Tax Administrator Kim Forster, Administrator Kent Miller and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. From Sherwood, it was the mayor, administrator and finance director. They have offered a 5% fee for the service. Everyone agreed that this was a fair offer. The matter was given to Troy Essex to write a contract to be presented to both villages.

Administrator's Report:

- Miller presented his notes about the upcoming general pick-up (April 4th and 5th) reminding residents if they set stuff out early, chances are the village will pick it up, but they will have an extra charge, usually about \$75.00, on their next utility bill. He also gave a council a report from the last 3 years on the tonnage picked up by the village.
- It was agreed by council that Miller gets information/quotes on alternative trash hauling.
- Miller also gave council a list of his itinerary for the next 2 months as well as the classes everyone else is taking and when.
- Beverly asked Miller if the sign at Industrial Drive had been updated. Miller will check on the status.

Solicitor's Report:

- **Ordinance 2017-05** was read for the second time by caption only to repeal Chapter 909 and establish a new Chapter 909 addressing the sidewalk issues.
- **Ordinance 2017-06** was read for the second time by caption only authorizing a cooperative agreement between the village and the OWDA for a wastewater project and declaring an emergency. Ron Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. Ordinance 2017-06 was read for the third time by caption only. Mike Barth moved to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.
- **Ordinance 2017-07** was read for the first time by caption only directing the county board of elections to submit a ballot question to the voters for fire protection.
- **Resolution 2017-03** was read for the second time by caption only authorizing a contract with Vernon Nagel Inc for the Bryan/Main Project and declaring an emergency. This will be charged to the Capital Projects line. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. Resolution

2017-03 was read for a third time by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

- **Resolution 2017-04** was read for the second time by caption only to enter a contract with EMH&T for engineering services and declaring an emergency. Note that the wording has changed from the original contract. Ron Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. 5 votes yes, Beverly no. Resolution 2017 was read for a third time by caption only. Ron Jones made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mike Barth. 4 votes yes with Headley and Beverly voting no.
- **Resolution 2017-07** was read for the second time by caption only opposing Governor Kasich's 2017-2018 budget proposing changes to tax collection causing substantial revenue loss to local governments, and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Resolution 2017-07 was read for a third time by caption only. Ron Jones made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.
- The mayor, solicitor and Rodney Haynes, of Haynes Trucking, met to discuss the situation with property in Industrial Park. The documents that needed signing have been signed. Mr. Haynes has asked for more time to comply with the terms of his loan. He has had trouble finding and keeping drivers. Instead of the 30 drivers proposed, he is down to 2. Essex will stay on top of the situation and report to council periodically.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Kirk Stickney had no report.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer reported the department is having a pancake & sausage breakfast on March 18th and a Spaghetti Supper on April 2nd. Tuesday he and Asst. Chief Bruce Hart will be in Cleveland for a class.

Scot Elwood was present at the invitation of the mayor. He has served on the Fire Department for 23 years, and has announced his retirement as of March 3rd. The mayor, council, department heads and guests gave him a standing ovation and thanked him for his service.

EMS Chief Loni Kesler submitted the February Rescue Squad Report. Beverly asked for a list of uncollectibles to be presented to council to be written off.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- MTD/YTD Cash Report
- MTD/YTD Income Tax Report
- February Revolving Loan Report
- February Police Department Report
- February Mayors Court Report

Mayor's Report:

- The mayor had asked for the name of the Hicksville resident who has lived in town for the longest continuous span of time. She has received a few suggestions.
- February 28th Congressman Latta's representative Kathy Shaver met with the mayor and someone from Frontier Communications. They discussed all the problems we as a village have been having with Frontier service, especially those causing problems with business and industry.
- The mayor, administrator and water superintendent met with Cliff Hite to discuss issues with the EPA. The mayor also took the opportunity to voice our opposition to the governor's 2017-2018 budget that would take collecting our own taxes out of our hands and put it in the state's hands, and charging us for it.

Dave Martin, a resident on Haver Drive would like the workers on that street to slow down and pay attention to the kids. They have no choice but to walk in the street to get to and from their homes and the bus stop, which is now all the way out at Casebeer-Miller Rd. The workers have been running the machinery up & down Haver Drive at a high rate of speed. He also wanted to be updated on how the swales along Haver Drive were going to be maintained. Mike Barth said his committee would be meeting Monday at 4 pm to discuss that as well as other related topics. He also said any problems observed should be reports to Ron, who is the EMH&T liaison.

Mike Barth reminded all citizens to set out bags of canned goods for the scouts to pick up Saturday beginning at 9 am. The scout ran out of bags to hang on mailboxes so please use any kind of plastic bag. All donations go to Christ Cupboard here in Hicksville.

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

Mayor

Fiscal Officer