

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Ron Jones, who then gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all present.

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

Minutes from the March 20th Council Meeting were presented. Ron Beverly moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

A list of bills to be paid was presented to council. Beverly asked about the work being done on the Explorer. He then made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions:

- Minutes from the March 27th **Beautification Committee** meeting were presented. Dawn Ish was recommended to replace Joyce Hootman as Beautification Coordinator. Mike Headley made a motion to hire Ish, with good physical, drug screen and BCI, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.
- A list of park and pool employees was submitted by the Park Board. Council recommended approval with good physicals, drug screens, and BCI reports on the Summer Program employees. Mike Barth made a motion to approve the hiring as listed by the Park Board, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

Council Committees:

The **Street/Light/Property Committee** met tonight at 5 pm. They recommended the signage in the downtown area remain as it is currently. The "15-minute parking" signs will not be replaced.

Mike Barth and Mike Headley have had numerous unfavorable comments on the upcoming vote to allow bicycles and other wheeled items to be used in the downtown area during open hours.

Administrator's Report:

Miller was present but had no report.

Solicitor's Report:

- **Ordinance 2017-07** was read for the third time by caption only directing the county board of elections to submit a ballot question to the voters for fire protection. Mike Headley made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- **Ordinance 2017-08** was read for the second time by caption only to repeal Section 343.14 of the codified ordinances regarding the use of bicycles and similar devices on certain sidewalks in the village.
- **Ordinance 2017-09** was read for the second time by caption only amending Section 921.01 of the codified ordinances to amend the performance bond amount for curb and road excavation.
- **Ordinance 2017-10** was read for the second time by caption only to increase the minimum sewer charge.
- **Ordinance 2017-11** was read for the second time by caption only to revise water rates.

Department Heads:

- **Police Chief Kirk Stickney** reported his staff is down 3 full-time officers. The positions have been advertised and resumes received. He will meet with the committee and mayor soon to complete the hiring process. Councilman Headley commended the Chief and his officers for professional handling of an incident he witnessed.
- **Fire Chief Scott Cramer** was absent.
- **EMS Chief Loni Kesler** was absent but had a report in the packets.
- **Park Director Val Shull** was absent. Board member Stephanie Mazur reported that the electrical work is complete. Val and Gary Shull will be meeting with Kent Miller regarding construction of the new restrooms in the near future.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- MTD/YTD Cash Report
- HPD and Mayor's Court Reports

- Revolving Loan Find Report
- Income Tax Collections Report
- Email from Chapman & Chapman (Aetna) announcing a fund of \$1277.68 for wellness checks, flu shots, etc. for employees.

Mayor’s Report:

Council President Jones had no report, but asked for an executive session to discuss possible land purchase. Ron Beverly made a motion at 6:10 pm to go into executive session, seconded by Mike Barth. At 6:30 pm Ron Beverly made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

With no other business to discuss, Ron Beverly made a motion to adjourn. Mike Headley seconded. All voted yes. Council was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer