

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 19, 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.

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

Minutes from the June 5th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Minutes from the June 12th Special Council Meeting were presented. Mike Headley made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

A list of bills to be paid was presented to council. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the list, seconded by Eric Bassett. Baker, Bassett, Headley, Jones and Beverly voted yes. Barth abstained.

Boards & Commissions:

- Minutes from the June 5th Beautification Committee meeting were in the packets.

Council Committees:

- Minutes from the June 7th Water/Sewer Committee meeting were in the packets.

Administrator's Report:

Miller had a report in the packets. He asked for council to approve removing Anthony Schroeder from probation and promote him to Grade II at \$15.97 per hour beginning June 21st. Mike Headley made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

Miller also asked council to approve Jeff Rumble, Wastewater Plant Superintendent to take training for a Class 3 license. Ron Beverly made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

Miller had copies of the Poggemeyer proposal for the water tower project and a contract from Werlor's for trash pick-up in the packets. They will be discussed and possibly enacted after council has a chance to read and discuss them.

Solicitor's Report:

- Second reading of **Resolution 2017-09** authorizing mayor to enter contract for fire and emergency services with Hicksville Township and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Headley. Third reading of Resolution 2017-09. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.
- Second reading of **Resolution 2017-10** authorizing mayor to enter contract for fire and emergency services with Mark Township and declaring an emergency. Mike Headley made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. Third reading of Resolution 2017-09. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- Second reading of **Resolution 2017-11** authorizing mayor to enter contract for fire and emergency services with Milford Township and declaring an emergency. Ron Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Headley. Third reading of Resolution 2017-09. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Essex also gave council information on a petition being brought by John Hart of Red Angel Pizza to have 15-minute parking signs put in front of his business. There are several steps to go through before it can go on the ballot for residents to vote for or against it.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Kirk Stickney had no report.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer had no report.

EMS Chief Loni Kesler had information for council members only in the packets.

Park Director Val Shull was absent.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- MTD/YTD Cash Report
- May Mediacom Franchise Fee Report
- Smith included some information from the Ohio Association of Public Treasurers conference. (1) Red Flag Examples of fraud and (2) Information on the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS) taking effect July 1, 2017.

Mayor's Report:

The mayor had the following announcements:
Hicksville is in the process of being declared a CRA. This will allow businesses, stores and residents to make improvements to their properties and ask for a tax abatement on the renovation. The improvements must be on existing property, not new build. The amount of the tax abatement and the length of time it is place will be determined on a case-by-case basis by a committee. Guidelines can be requested from the village. If anyone would like to serve on the committee, contact the mayor.

All residents who have pools, above or below ground - check the village ordinance and be sure the area is secure. We don't want any drownings like the one that occurred in Fort Wayne last week.

The Farmers Market may have to move, possibly to the old High School lot, when the work crews begin construction along South Main Street.

The mayor then asked the audience if anyone had anything they wanted to bring before council. No one spoke.

Councilman Barth thanked everyone who made the "Night of Lights" a success.

Ron Beverly made a motion to go into Executive Session (at 6:45 pm) to discuss a possible land purchase. Mike Barth seconded the motion. All voted yes. At 7:10 pm council returned to open session.

There were several projects that will need to be addressed soon, including the Huber proposal, paving the streets being broken down by the construction trucks, the Phase I projects being completed and the ongoing financial problems of the Fire/EMS department. The Street/Light/Property Committee will discuss the Huber proposal and this rest was given to the Finance Committee to recommend solutions.

With no other business to discuss Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer