

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday June 20, 2016 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 taken with the following persons in attendance: Mayor Diane Collins; Council members Ron Jones, Shelia Baker, Ron Beverly, Mike Headley, Mike Barth; Administrator Kent Miller; Solicitor Troy Essex; and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Mick Pocratsky was absent.

Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on June 6th were presented for approval. Mike Headley made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

Ron Jones made a motion to approve the current bills list, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes with the exception of Mike Barth, who abstained.

Shawn Owens from Owens Electric was present to show council examples of the new LED lighting and light poles to be installed on Industrial Drive. The village will own the poles and will have a 5-year warranty. The lights and the new signs will all be tied into the existing meter at the lift station. The wiring will be underground and all will turn on simultaneously at dusk. There will be 14 poles, 400 ft. apart. Installation can begin in about 2 weeks, with completion in 6 to 8 weeks. Kent Miller will complete the paperwork necessary.

Boards & Commissions:

A Public Hearing by the Board of Zoning Appeals was held June 15th at 4 pm in the zoning office. It was for a conditional use permit for Adel Davenport, 121 Columbus Street, to have an accounting business in her home. The Board approved the request. The meeting minutes were in the packets.

Council Committees:

The Finance Committee met June 10th to approve the financial reports. They also approved the village to join the Ohio Checkbook program. Meeting minutes were in the packets.

Administrator's Report: The Administrator had no report.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Ballinger was present but had no report.

Fire Chief Cramer and EMS Chief Kesler were absent as they were at a training program.

Solicitor's Report:

Ordinance 2016-07 (revised) to implement a fire levy was read by caption only for the final time. Ron Jones made a motion to accept. Mike Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2016-08 amending the Section 921.03 to increase sewer rates was read by caption only for the second time.

Resolution 2016-08 authorizing the village to enter into a contract with Vernon Nagel Inc. (Antwerp Drive) and declaring an emergency was read in its entirety. Ron Jones moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. Resolution 2016-08 was read by caption only for the second and third times. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

Resolution 2016-09 authorizing the village to enter into a contract with Bryan Excavating LLC (Ogen Street) and declaring an emergency was read in its entirety. Mike Barth made a motion to suspend the rules. Ron Jones seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2016-09 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

Resolution 2016-10 authorizing the village to enter into a contract with Bryan Excavating LLC (Pearl/Columbia Streets) and declaring an emergency was read in its entirety. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules. Mike Barth seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2016-10 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

Resolution 2016-11 first reading by caption only to authorize the village to renew the contract with Solicitor Troy Essex.

A concerned citizen Dave Martin asked for an opportunity to address council. He wanted to express his opinion on the topic of open burning in Hicksville. He studied the existing ordinance and feels it covers not only details such as proper containers and firewood, but it outlines incremental remedies for those who burn improperly. He thinks the

ordinance is sufficient and does not need to be changed. Although he sympathizes with anyone who suffers from allergies and feels like a “prisoner in her own home”, Mr. Martin does not think that is just cause for council to change an ordinance affecting the entire community. The situation could be an isolated incident or simply a neighborhood dispute that could be remedied in another way.

Fiscal Officer Report:

The MTD/YTD Cash Report and the May Mediacom Franchise Fee report were submitted.

Mayor's Report:

The Mayor reported on her recent trip to the Ohio Mayors Conference. She shared the agenda and stated she learned a lot.

Mike Headley moved to adjourn, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes. Council was adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer