

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday July 5, 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, Mick Pocratsky, Mike Headley, Mike Barth; Administrator Kent Miller; Solicitor Troy Essex; and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Ron Beverly was absent.

Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> were presented. Mike Headley moved to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. Mike Headley abstained; Jones, Baker, Barth, and Pocratsky voted yes. Minutes from Special Council Meeting June 27<sup>th</sup> were then presented for approval. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mick Pocratsky. Mike Headley abstained from voting; Jones, Baker, Barth, and Pocratsky 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.

**Boards & Commissions:**

Minutes from the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Park Board meeting were in the packets. Mike Barth has been in contact with Amy Galbraith (from Rotary) – the Splash Pad project is at a standstill at the moment awaiting final approval from Columbus for the grant. Break-ins/vandalism at the park was discussed. Nothing specific could be mentioned due to an ongoing investigation by the police department.

**Council Committees:**

The Ordinance Committee asked Troy Essex to bring legislation to the next meeting detailing the changes being made to the Open Burning Ordinance. The mayor asked him to email it in advance so people can read it.

**Administrator's Report:**

1. Sidewalks – a bad fall was reported by a resident occurring on Spencerville Street. It was noted that some homeowners should be aware of their liability if they don't keep their sidewalks in good repair.
2. Trees – The village ordinance states limbs should be kept at least 10' above sidewalks. If the tree is in the easement it belongs to the homeowner, but the village may come in and trim the tree at their discretion. If the tree is on the homeowner's property, the owner is responsible to make sure limbs do not hang too low over the sidewalk or street. If the tree on the homeowner's property becomes a hazard, the village will send a letter asking for the owner to trim the tree. If it is not done in a timely manner, the village will trim the tree and bill the owner. Essex will review the law and send Miller clarification by email.

**Solicitor's Report:**

The Solicitor reported he had contacted the County Auditor and started the process to have the fire levy put on the ballot in November. He is following up on the progress and will report to council at the next meeting.

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

**Department Heads:**

Police Chief Ballinger was present but had no report.

Fire Chief Cramer was absent but Asst. Chief Bruce Hart stood in for him. He had no report.

EMS Chief Loni Kesler asked the mayor to put Bruce Silcott's name up to be hired as an EMT. He has completed his training and has been certified. The mayor recommended Silcott be hired as an EMT pending a physical and drug screen. Council protested testing as Silcott is already a fireman. The mayor stated the necessity of any medical screening was for the Fiscal Officer to decide. Mick Pocratsky made a motion to accept the mayor's recommendation. Ron Jones seconded it. All voted yes.

**Fiscal Officer Report:**

The MTD/YTD Cash Report and the May Mediacom Franchise Fee report were submitted. The Revolving Loan Report through June was also in the packets. On the table tonight were the Police Report for June as well as the June Mayor's Court Report.

**Mayor's Report:**

The mayor reported Crook Miller has free dirt for anyone who needs some. The village can use more clean plastic grocery bags to use for commodities. Bring them to the Municipal Building and they will get to the right place. Council members are asked to volunteer at the

Senior Citizens tent August 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 1 pm. There were 4 volunteers. The mayor will give their names to Linda McMahon at the Senior Center.

Other Discussion:  
Pre-construction meetings will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> from 11 to 1 (dates & times on the front bulletin board). There will be a Water/Sewer/Refuse meeting after.

The Commissioners are delayed tearing down the vacant property due to inspection for asbestos contamination as required by the state. The mayor can get an update when they meet Thursday in the council room.

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

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer