

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, July 5, 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 19th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded Eric Bassett. 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 Mike Headley. All voted yes.

There was a Notice of Public Hearing announced. It will be held at 108 North Main Street July 12, 2017 at 4 pm. It is for a setback variance at the Johnson Memorial Library, 116 West High Street.

Casey Wertz was present from Werlor to answer any questions council may have about the proposed contract for trash collection and recycling. If the village contracts with Werlor for curbside pick-up the cost should allow residents to pay what they do now. They will continue to be billed the same way they are now on their utility bills. There will be some changes in service which are to be addressed in a 3-year contract between the village and Werlor. Some items to be worked out are the downtown trash cans and how situations with abused, lost or stolen totes would be handled. Instead of having 4 general pick-ups, residents will be allowed to set out 2 large items per month. If they have more, they can contact Werlor to find out what the extra items would cost. Once all the details are decided, residents will be notified of the changes. Each residence will be given a wheeled refuse tote, with a separate one for recycling. The elderly have the option to have a smaller tote. Troy Essex will work with Werlor to iron everything out. Ron Beverly made a motion to go ahead with a contract, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions:

Minutes from the June 21st **Park Board** meeting were in the packets. Kent Miller is following up with the engineers working on the new restrooms. He has spoken with Ned Steele about fixing the lights.

Council Committees:

Minutes from the June 26th **Finance Committee** meeting were in the packets. Several items were discussed and put into order by priority. The Committee would like the village to possibly buy the lots behind the Veterans Memorial and keep them for park area. The streets where construction is underway will need to be paved, and the village will have to pay for that. The installation of utilities along Industrial Drive is contracted to be completed within a certain time frame. That cost is projected to be \$750,000.00 to one million dollars. Within the next three to five years the village will be building a new water tower and also needs land for a new well. The Huber has asked if the village has any ideas for additional funding. The Committee recommends the village look into a one-time payment, as was done for the Veterans Memorial, instead of anything on-going. Finally, the Fire/EMS Department budget is extremely tight. If additional personnel are hired, they will be in the red early next year.

Minutes from the **Street/Light/Property Committee** meeting were on the table tonight. Shelia Baker reported the committee would like to offer a trial period to Mark Young of Two Bandits Brewing to set bistro sets in front of his business. Ron Beverly made a motion to allow 2 bistro sets for 3 weeks, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes. When the trial period is up, the situation will be revisited to determine a permanent arrangement. They have asked to put out 7 tables surrounded by a 4-foot wrought iron fence.

Ron Beverly from the **Police & Fire Committee** reported they met June 12th which was not productive and no minutes are available at this time. They also met June 26th to interview candidates for the Full-Time EMT position.

Administrator’s Report:

Miller had a report in the packets. He asked the mayor to recommend hiring Rick Rickard as a Grade IV Laborer. Ron Jones made the motion to accept the mayor’s recommendation, seconded by Mike Headley. Baker, Bassett, Barth, Headley and Jones voted yes. Beverly voted no.

The meeting with the Ohio EPA will be July 12. He would like them to forgo the mandate for Chicago Avenue since the “side projects” being done will also have the same effect on CSO’s.

Solicitor’s Report:

- First reading of **Resolution 2017-14** by caption only to rehire Solicitor Troy Essex for another one-year contract.
- First reading of **Resolution 2017-15** by caption only to enter contract with Poggemeyer Design for engineering and design of the new water tower siting plan.
- Essex asked council to approve a contract with the State of Ohio Attorney General’s office to collect unpaid income tax accounts. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- Essex reported he is still finalizing a contract with Sherwood to collect their income tax.
- He recommended the Ordinance Committee look into the Mayor’s request that the village put restrictions on how a building may be torn down and disposed of. The concerns are EPA violations as well as possible land or groundwater contamination.
- He reported the petition from John Hart of Red Angel Pizza has been turned in to the Fiscal Officer. It will be held in her office for ten days and then filed with the Board of Elections.

Department Heads:

- ***Police Chief Kirk Stickney*** had no report.
- ***Fire Chief Scott Cramer*** asked the mayor to recommend to council that they hire Robert Meyer as a full-time EMT. When asked if the full-time personnel would work different shifts, he said yes. Mike Headley made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
- ***EMS Chief Loni Kesler*** had a report on the desks tonight.
- ***Park Director Val Shull*** was absent.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- MTD/YTD Cash Report
- Mayor’s Court Report
- Income Tax Collections Report
- Revolving Loan Report
- Notice to council that replacement pages for the codified ordinance books are available in her office

Mayor’s Report: no report

Ron Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session (at 7:40 pm) to discuss a possible land purchase. Ron Beverly seconded the motion. All voted yes. At 8:30 pm council returned to open session.

Ron Beverly made a motion to accept Larry Haver’s offer to donate the property at 736 West High Street to the village, on the condition that he allow a 15-foot easement along the back of Haver Drive. The motion was seconded by Eric Bassett. Baker, Bassett, Beverly, Jones and Headley voted yes. Barth voted no.

With no other business to discuss Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer