

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, August 21, 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 August 7th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded Mike Headley. All voted yes.

A list of bills to be paid was presented to council. Mike Headley made a motion to approve the list, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions:

Park Board minutes from the August 16th meeting were in the packets.

Council Committees:

Police & Fire met August 19th and minutes were in the packets.

Water & Sewer met August 17th and minutes were in the packets.

Note: All Boards & Commissions and Council Committee Minutes are available upon request from the Fiscal Officer at 419-542-6138 or hixcs@defnet.com.

Administrator's Report:

Miller gave Council his letter of resignation. He will stay on until a replacement is found and trained, if necessary.

Solicitor's Report:

- Second reading of **Ordinance 2017-15** by caption only to increase the Fire Chief position wages.
- First reading of Ordinance **2017-16** by caption only to amend Sidewalk Chapter 909.02
- Second Reading of **Resolution 2017-18** by caption only to enter agreement with Defiance Co. Commissioners for recovery of expenses providing legal counsel to indigent persons.
- Second reading of **Resolution 2017-19** by caption only directing the Defiance Co. Auditor to assess delinquent utility bills to the tax duplicate and declaring an emergency. Ron Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes. Third reading of Resolution 2017-19 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.
- Second reading of **Resolution 2017-20** by caption only directing the Defiance Co. Auditor to assess delinquent mowing costs to the tax duplicate and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. Third reading of Resolution 2017-20 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
- Second reading of **Resolution 2017-21** by caption only to assess street light millage.
- Second reading of **Resolution 2017-23** by caption only to accept amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and certifying them to the County Auditor.
- Essex reported he would have legislation at the next meeting concerning Haver Drive/Clearview swales.

Department Heads:

- ***Police Chief Kirk Stickney*** reported Nathan Allen is resigning to join the Montpelier Ohio Police Department. When asked the reason - because of our insurance and also because he lives there.
- The mayor thanked Stickney for inviting her and council to a meeting held at 5 pm at the Fire Hall previewing software Defiance County may be installing, and which Hicksville is also interested in.
- ***Fire Chief Scott Cramer*** reported that he and the mayor attended a “Table Top” exercise at the EMA Building. It was a simulation of emergency scenarios including a tornado causing the grain silo to fall on the train going by carrying hazmat material during fair week. Participants had to manage the incident and protect citizens. The mayor said it taught her a lot.
- ***EMS Chief Cody Royer*** asked the mayor to recommend rehiring Drew Wort as an EMT. Mike Headley made a motion to accept the mayor’s recommendation, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.
- ***Park Director Val Shull*** had no report.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- MTD/YTD Cash Report
- State of Ohio Liquor License Report
- June & July Police Dept. Collections Report
- July Mediacom Franchise Fee Report

Mayor’s Report:

A letter from a concerned citizen was given to council
The mayor reported she and Mike Bailey (Building Inspector) met with a Certified Inspector retired from Wauseon to look over the property at the corner of High & Crook Streets. He will furnish a written report to the mayor. That property has significant safety issues, as well as a blocked sidewalk. A property on Smith Street is being looked at for structural reasons. Grant funds may need to be found to cover the cost of demolition.

Dave Martin, a resident of Haver Drive, asked about the street lighting. Miller told him the lights will be set in the near future. Martin asked what they look like. Miller said the “same as before” although they will be set in bases so are less likely to lean. Martin then wanted speed limit signs put up for 25 mph. He also wants it enforced. Chief Stickney told him it was tricky to stop cars going (as an example) 5 miles over the limit. Because there could be a variance with a car’s speedometer or with the radar device it is not a good use of the officer’s time to ticket the person. Martin would like the police to park on Haver Drive to catch speeders. Stickney said if a police car sits in the middle of Haver Drive no one would be caught speeding. He also reminded Martin his officers have to patrol all around town, not just Haver Drive. If they are sitting in their car on Haver Drive, they are not doing what they should be doing.

Judy Handy reported that she has nothing but good things to say about the workers on Haver Drive. They have been respectful and willing to make the situation as easy as possible. When she has asked anything of them, they do their best to comply.

Mike Barth said that some yards have been dug up more than others. For those residents who have done watering over and above what has been done by the contractor, an application for an adjustment is available at the Utility Office. A letter has already been sent to residents informing them of this. Beverly asked how do we know who waters and who doesn’t? A 2,000-gallon limit has been put on any adjustment due to this particular situation. It is available to anyone who feels their utility bill is higher than normal due to watering. The decision was made in committee and was not put up for a vote before council. Councilmen Jones and Headley, Haver Drive residents, both stated that they would not seek credit for their personal properties.

With no other business to discuss Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer