

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 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 August 21st Regular Council Meeting were presented. Ron Beverly asked about the paragraph that reported on Haver Drive residents requesting utility adjustments. The minutes noted that this was done in committee and not brought before council for a vote. Troy Essex responded that each request will be handled according to existing policy so no new vote was required. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

A list of bills to be paid was presented to council. Several items were questioned and answered. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the list, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Health Commissioner Jamie Gerken and Jennifer Casertano from the Defiance County General Health District were present to speak to council about the Community Health Assessment (2015) that was done in Defiance County. The information collected was then put into a 3-year (2016-2018) Community Health Improvement Plan. The resulting published reports were handed out to council. The information disseminated was informative and thought-provoking. The surveys provide evidence of a suspected problem, details how widespread or serious the problem is, and names resources able to deal with each issue. The assessment includes a range of issues from obesity, substance abuse, elderly falls, mental health issues and more. They urge communities to become educated and participate in the process.

Boards & Commissions: None reported

Council Committees: None reported

Administrator's Report:

Miller reminded the public of the General Pick-up next week on regular days. Lists of items that will not be picked-up are available in the News Tribune and at the Utility window.

Solicitor's Report:

- Third, final reading of **Ordinance 2017-15** by caption only to increase the Fire Chief position wages. Mike Headley made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.
- Second reading of Ordinance **2017-16** by caption only to amend Sidewalk Chapter 909.02
- Third, final 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. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.
- Third, final reading of **Resolution 2017-21** by caption only to assess street light millage. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- Third, final 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. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

- ***Police Chief Kirk Stickney***
 - reported an ad has been placed for an officer.
 - In answer to a question by council about enforcing the three (3) hour limit downtown parking, the answer was yes.
 - Troy Essex told Stickney he has been reading the contract for the new software the department would like to purchase with Defiance County and the 9-1-1 Center. He would like the dates and amounts corrected to show what will be owed on what date. Stickney will take care of it. The

purchase amount is well under the limits set by ORC, so Kent Miller will be able to sign the contract when it is corrected.

- *Fire Chief Scott Cramer* had no report.
- *EMS Chief Cody Royer* had no report.
- *Park Director Val Shull* did not attend.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- MTD/YTD Cash Report
- August Income Tax Collections Report
- August Utility Collections Report

Mayor’s Report:

The mayor had minutes from the CRA committee meeting held August 24th included in the packets. Troy Essex is working on a Resolution outlining the parameters for the Hicksville CRA to be submitted to the school board for approval.

She also included minutes from the August 31st meeting to discuss a west-end EMS district. It appears that although all agreed it is an option, it would be expensive for each individual organization. The mayor and EMS chief Royer are looking into a class for first responders.

Copies of both meeting’s minutes are available by contacting the village offices at 419-542-6138.

Other Discussion:

Mike Barth announced the Chamber will be hosting an Octoberfest downtown October 14th. Details are still being discussed.

The mayor asked Kent Miller about paving in town. She also wanted to know if South Main is patched instead of being paved, how long would it last? Miller is still waiting on estimates for paving. He did say Beech and South Bryan would need to be rebuilt before paving. The contractor’s contingency would cover some of the cost.

Ron Jones made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues and the possible acquisition of land. Mike Headley seconded. Council went into executive session at 6:55 pm.

Council returned to open session at 7:55 pm. The mayor recommended Police Chief Stickney have his probationary period extended by six (6) months. Council agreed to abide by the mayor’s wishes. Ron Beverly made a motion to have Stickney serve six (6) additional months of probation, seconded by Mike Headley. Bassett, Barth, Beverly, Headley and Jones voted yes. Baker voted no.

With no other business to discuss Ron Beverly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer