

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, September 19, 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. Councilman Mick Pocratsky was absent.

Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on September 6th were presented. Mike Headley moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Ron Jones. Jones, Headley, Barth and Baker voted to approve. Beverly voted no.

Mike Barth made a motion to approve the current bills list, seconded by Mike Headley. Beverly asked about the electrical panel repair done at the wastewater treatment plant. No one could answer his questions satisfactorily. Miller will get the details and send out an email to council explaining what was done. When asked if it could be an insurance claim, he said he would pursue that angle. Jones, Headley, Barth and Baker voted to approve. Beverly voted no.

Conrad Beck from the Ohio Plan was present to answer any questions on the renewal of the village's liability insurance. No one had any and agreed the increase in premium was reasonable. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

Jessica Myers from the Defiance County Drug Free Coalition was to be here to speak to council but could not make it. She will try to attend the next council meeting.

Boards & Commissions:

No meetings or minutes presented

Val Shull, Park Director was present and reported the new parking lot is being finished as well as reworking the ballfields.

Council Committees:

No meetings or minutes presented

Administrator's Report: The Administrator had no report other than the village auction was successful. He thanked employees and council members who worked to make it a success.

The mayor echoed Miller's thanks. Beverly was auctioneer and did a great job. He thanked Guilford Auctioneering for the use of the accounting material and the sound system.

Solicitor's Report:

Ordinance 2016-12 rezoning Lot 24 on Antwerp Drive from agricultural to residential and declaring an emergency. Ron Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. Beverly said he has spoken with Vernon Nagel, who is doing the dirt work in that area, and they are satisfied there will be no flooding problem in the future. He reminded residents that any building done on the lot will need to be permitted and comply with any and all restrictions/guidelines set out by village ordinance. Ordinance 2016-12 was then read for the second and final time. Mike Headley made the motion to approve, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2016-13 amending Ordinance 2015-13 to comply with SB 172 and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly move to suspend the rules. Ron Jones seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2016-13 was read for a second and final time. Mike Barth made the motion to approve, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

Resolution 2016-17 final reading by caption only to enter agreement with the Defiance County Commissioners for recovery of monies expended providing legal defense to indigent persons - calendar year 2017. Ron Beverly made the motion to approve, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

A **Deposit of Public Moneys Policy** was presented for approval. It specifies parameters for bank deposits. Ron Jones made a motion to approve and Mike Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

- Police Chief Monty Ballinger was absent. Officer Robert Fisher was present but had no report.
- Fire Chief Scott Cramer was absent. Assistant Chief Hart was present to announce the annual BBQ was a success. They sold out in an hour and a half. He also asked the mayor to remove Firemen Broc Evans and Blake Whitman from probationary status and she did so. Mike Headley made a motion to approve lifting probation, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

- EMS Chief Loni Kesler had to leave on a call, but she also had an EMT who had completed his probationary period. The mayor asked council to remove David Woodring from probation. Mike Barth made a motion that was seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

Fiscal Officer Report:

Reports on the desk as follows:

- MTD/YTD Cash Report
- August Revolving Loan Fund Report
- HB 523 Medical Marijuana information sheet
- Statistics of drug use in the State of Ohio
- Information on the BORMA meeting – insurance will only increase 4.47%

Mayor’s Report:

The mayor gave a report to council showing local business and number of employees for each. Maumee Valley Planning in Defiance has funds for property repairs for qualified individuals. The mayor urged anyone needing something done to contact them.

She asked anyone in the audience to step up to the podium if they wished to bring a concern to council. Susan Gonwick spoke about repairing sidewalks. She wanted to know the penalty if a resident could not afford to fix their sidewalk and has been mandated to do so by the village. She has received a letter that gives her 12 months to fix her sidewalk, but she also needs a new roof. The roof wins. She also wanted to know who is responsible if the sidewalk is lifted up due to tree roots from a tree on the village’s side of the sidewalk. She said someone has planted a tree in front of her house under a power line. She would like it removed.

The mayor explained the process the village uses for sidewalk repairs. A letter is sent out with a time period to fix it. If any residents do not comply, the village will hire a contractor to do the work. The amount spent by the village is then assigned to the property owners and assessed to their property tax. She urged Ms. Gonwick to discuss her concerns with Shelia Baker, who is chairman of the Sidewalk Committee.

Mike Headley made a motion to adjourn. Mike Barth seconded it. All voted yes. Council was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer