

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 3, 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, Mick Pocratsky; Solicitor Troy Essex; and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Administrator Kent Miller was absent.

Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on September 19th were presented. Mike Headley moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

Ron Jones made a motion to approve the current bills list, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions:

Park Board meeting minutes from September 21st were in the packets. Beverly asked why we can't use Industrial park dirt for the Park. Rick Belton from the Board was present and answered questions about the quantity and quality of the dirt/stone used in the ball fields.

Council Committees:

The Water/Sewer Committee will meet October 6th to discuss Charlie Wann's request to receive free water at the Fairgrounds, as well as information received from a refuse collection company.

The Sidewalk Committee met tonight before council and will meet again on the 17th after council.

Beverly asked on behalf of the Street/Light/Property Committee if any plans are in the works to demolish the old HIX-TV building at the park. The mayor reported she is getting quotes from Mark Savage and Shanon Watson. She will have them for council as soon as they are finalized. He also asked for an update on the plans for the municipal building. The mayor and administrator are getting quotes for an ADA front door package and for new flooring.

Administrator's Report:

Miller is on vacation this week. The mayor read his report:

I need council to approve a change order for the CDBG paving project. After adjusting for quantities, the change order is for \$3,350.93, making the final price \$48,820.93. The reason for the change was the final amount of asphalt needed due to some extremely bad subsurface conditions which required removal at a greater depth. The Village will also be reimbursed \$23,000 through CDBG.

Since the lights and signs are up and operating on Industrial Drive, the per day kilowatt usage has increased tremendously. On average the lift station was using 2 kw per day, the daily readings are now around 33 kw. Just letting you know so when the increase in the electric bill hits, you are not wondering why. I have asked Cheryl not to charge the sewer fund for the entire monthly amount (as in the past with the lift station), since their usage is very minimal.

I have also talked with AEP on removing their two wood pole street lights which are no longer needed. No estimated time for that removal is known.

There was a splash pad meeting on the 27th and two proposals were received. There followed some discussion on location, with the exact spot possibly being dictated by access to water and sewer. There are some issues on those to investigate before the committee wants to move forward with anything.

Four people were interviewed for the sewer position. Two of the applicants changed their minds afterwards, leaving two current employees from which to choose. I have decided to move Austin Zeedyk from the Street Dept to assist Jeff. For the time being, I will operate with three people on the Street Dept and see how things go.

The three sewer projects are all moving along. Ogen should be getting wrapped up shortly with final work, clean up and paving. Antwerp Drive started a short time ago and with the road closure in place effective October 3, they should start working northwards. Columbia/Pearl will begin, probably this week, as some preliminary efforts have begun. I am still waiting for the paperwork to advertise Haver Drive, and design work on S. Main/S. Bryan is on-going.

Maintenance work on the north water tower is complete, but we are waiting for final lab results before it can be put back into service.

Leaf collection will be starting once conditions warrant getting the machine out. It was around October 19 last year when the guys first went out. I have no idea when this year will begin as it depends entirely on Mother Nature. As a reminder to residents, we won't move piles of limbs to suck their leaves, so please don't bury them. Not mixing in dog doo-doo and garbage/litter would also be appreciated.

After the report was submitted, council decided to rescind their approval of the bills list as the change order for Ward Construction was included in their invoice. They would like to

hold off until specifics can be discussed with Kent Miller. Ron Jones made a motion to rescind their earlier approval, seconded by Mike Headley. Council then agreed to approve the bills list with Ward Construction being paid their original bid of \$45,470.00, not \$48,820.93.

Pocratsky asked about the hiring process for the Wastewater Treatment plant. He was informed by Jeff Rumble that 3 of the 4 applicants turned down the job after interviewing. He feels Austin Zeedyk will be successful in the position and has begun working towards his license. He reminded council Austin has to be on the job a certain length of time before he can be licensed.

Solicitor’s Report:

Ordinance 2016-14 had a first reading – to amend the Income Tax Ordinance Section 181.091 granting a filing exemption to retirees and permanently disabled individuals with no taxable income.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Monty Ballinger asked council to promote Nathan Allen to Patrolman I. He has been with the village for a year and is a valuable officer. The mayor recommended Officer Allen be promoted. Mike Headley made a motion to accept the mayor’s recommendation, seconded by Mick Pocratsky. All voted yes.

He also reported the parking lot is being paved. He thanked Justin Kuhn for letting the personnel park their personal vehicles as well as the squad cars on his property next door.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer had nothing for the Fire Department, but reported for the EMS that Jason Zimmerman has resigned from the Squad.

EMS Chief Loni Kesler was absent.

Fiscal Officer Report:

Reports on the desk as follows:

- MTD/YTD Cash Report
- September Revolving Loan Fund Report
- September Income Tax Collections Report
- Non billed Utility Report

Mayor’s Report:

The mayor reminded residents that Maumee Valley Planning in Defiance has funds for property repairs for qualified individuals. She urged anyone needing something done to contact them.

There will be a male cat neuter clinic at the Humane Shelter soon for only \$10.00.

She has information in her office about the Christmas displays done annually at the Fairgrounds. The large Christmas Cards are available for sale for \$130.00. They are weatherproof and reusable. She asked council if they would be interested. Mick Pocratsky made a motion to have a “Village of Hicksville” card this year. Ron Beverly seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The mayor extended condolences on behalf of the village to Billy Laney, who lost his mother recently.

Mayor Collins acknowledged recently retired Ron Daniels, who served as Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He was an employee of the village for over 10 years. Council echoed her sentiments stating Ron will be missed as he was very knowledgeable.

Residents present were asked if they wished to address council. No one stepped forward so Ron Beverly made a motion to adjourn. Mike Headley seconded it. All voted yes. Council was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer