

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 17, 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; Administrator Kent Miller; and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith.

Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on October 3rd were presented. Mike Headley moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

When the current bills list was presented, the following items were discussed:

(1) Mick Pocratsky asked Kent Miller about the change order from Ward Construction who had done a paving project in the village. It was not approved at the last meeting. Miller explained it was due to the company finding areas of bad sub-surface in the W. Smith and E. Arthur area. They had not been identified in the initial engineering report. There were no core samples taken at the time. Miller told council he made the determination to have them fixed properly now while the area was already dug up, rather than have cracks appear in the next couple of years. He reminded council this was a CDBG project and he would like it approved and paid so the paperwork could be completed. He is expecting approximately \$23,000.00 back for the village. Council agreed with his decision. Pocratsky asked Miller about the other projects being done around the village currently, and whether he thought change orders would be an ongoing problem. Miller responded that contingencies were already built in to the process for the sewer projects. Ron Jones then made a motion to accept the change order. Mike Headley seconded it. All voted yes.

(2) Mayor Collins told council there was an invoice from Miller Construction for trenching work at the Veterans Memorial. She explained the village employees do not have the proper equipment to do the job so it had to be done by an outside contractor. Council agreed they were ok with the cost.

Mick Pocratsky then made a motion to accept the entire bills list, seconded by Mike Headley. Mike Barth abstained with all others voting yes.

Boards & Commissions:

HIX TV meeting minutes from September 10th were in the packets.

Council Committees:

The Water/Sewer Committee met October 6th and minutes were in the packets.

The Sidewalk Committee, Personnel Committee and Police & Fire all will meet after the council meeting tonight.

Mick Pocratsky, Chairman of the Personnel Committee asked which committee, Personnel or Finance, should discuss and recommend employee raises annually. Ron Beverly made a motion to have the issue given to the Finance Committee. This was seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

Administrator's Report:

Miller reported leaf collection would begin soon depending on the weather.

Solicitor's Report:

Resolution 2016-21 was read for the first time by caption only to renew the Farm Lease at Industrial Park and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules. Mike Headley seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2016-21 was read by caption only for a second and third time. Mick Pocratsky moved to approve and Mike Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Monty Ballinger was absent but Officer Bob Fisher reported the parking lot is done and looks great. He thanked council on behalf of the department.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer reported the Halloween Carnival will be October 29th from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Fire Hall. He also announced the first Ladies Auxiliary Feather Party Bingo to be held November 12th beginning at 4 pm. Mike Headley commended Chief Cramer for the job he has done recruiting personnel. Cramer has a good crew who are doing a great job.

EMS Chief Loni Kesler reported (1) David Woodring has requested a 30 day leave for personal reasons; (2) She and full-time EMT Cody Royer will both be working the day shift instead of alternating shifts. They are in charge of the Christmas for Kids collection and she feels they both need to be on hand to do the job; and (3) the Ferno cot was serviced and needs to be repaired or replaced due to a hydraulic fluid leak. Ferno cots run from \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00. A Stryker cot, which is what she would like to purchase, is

about \$42,000.00. This will be discussed at the Police & Fire Committee meeting to be held tonight.

Fiscal Officer Report:

Reports on the desk as follows:

- MTD/YTD Cash Report
- September Mediacom Franchise Fee Report
- Flu shots are available Oct. 25th & 27th from 8 am until noon at the Pharmacy

Mayor’s Report:

The mayor reminded all residents to drive carefully during trick or treating, October 29th from 5 pm to 7 pm.

She thanked residents who have stepped up and repaired their sidewalks. She and Sidewalk Committee Chairman Shelia Baker asked anyone who gets a letter and has questions to contact Mike Bailey at 419-542-0115.

Information about the Defiance County Employee Reverse Raffle was given out. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and available from the Commissioners’ office. This year is a western theme with Port-A-Pit chicken dinners and live entertainment.

Mick Pocratsky had mentioned earlier in the meeting that he was an eyewitness to a skateboarder on the sidewalk in the downtown area, despite the signs, speeding in complete disregard to other pedestrians. He wanted to have it on the record that some residents still do not comply with the rules and he would like to see them reprimanded for this, including citation by the police department.

With no other business to discuss, Ron Beverly made a motion to adjourn. Mike Headley seconded it. All voted yes. Council was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer