

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 6, 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 Jim Brown and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith.

Minutes from the October 16th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Mike Headley made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Jones.

A bills list was presented to council. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, with the exception of 2 items: Axon Enterprises for a purchase for the police department that needed clarification and the Savage Excavating check that was voided to be removed. He was seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes. Later in the meeting the Police Chief arrived and answered Beverly's question. Beverly then made a motion to approve the entire bills list, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

Susan Mack was present to give the annual update on the Beautification Committee. She thanked council for their support, and liaison Administrator Jim Brown. She also recognized the hard work of village employee assigned to the Beautification Committee, Dawn Ish. She is doing a great job. The main issue is, as always, having enough volunteers for all the beds to be planted and maintained. The Committee needs a sturdier truck or tractor to pull the water wagon. The Committee is also making plans to liven up the pots around town, continued maintenance of the Veterans' Memorial, and making the Rain Garden more attractive. Council thanked her for all she does for the village.

Barry Sleesman was on hand to ask council for help with the motion lights at Dollar General. He has taken his concerns to the manager, district manager and the corporate office. No One has shown any desire to answer his complaints. He is asking council to do what they can to alleviate the problem. The lights come on and off all night long and are very bright and annoying. Essex was asked for his opinion and he responded that it could be a civil nuisance lawsuit to be brought by the neighbors affected.

Mayor Collins asked Sleesman to get with the Administrator to work together.

Boards & Commissions:

- The **Park Board** met October 25th, and minutes were included in the packets.
- The **Planning Commission** met November 2nd and minutes were in the packets.

Council Committees:

- The **Finance Committee** met October 23rd and October 30th to discuss the upcoming 2018 budgets with department heads.
- The **Beautification Committee** Brunch was held October 7th and minutes were in the packets.

Administrator's Report:

Brown reported that he is taking time to get to know his team. They are getting ready to begin picking up leaves.

Solicitor's Report:

- Third reading of **Ordinance 2017-17** by caption only adopting Chapter 923 of the Codified Ordinances regarding maintaining drainage swales, and describing a penalty for any violations. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- Second reading of **Ordinance 2017-19** by caption only to amend the 2017 appropriations and declaring an emergency. It was decided not to approve as an emergency, but to bring it to the next meeting.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2017-20** by caption only to establish pay ranges for 2018 and declaring an emergency. It was decided not to approve as an emergency, but to bring it to the next meeting.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2017-21** by caption only to make appropriations for 2018 and declaring an emergency. It was decided not to approve as an emergency, but to bring it to the next meeting.

- First reading of **Resolution 2017-25** by caption only authorizing the Revolving Loan Committee to enter an agreement with A&P Tool and declaring an emergency. Ron Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. Second reading of Resolution 2017-25 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2017-26** by caption only authorizing the Revolving Loan Committee to enter an agreement with Hershberger Warehouse and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. Second reading of Resolution 2017-26 by caption only. Mike Headley made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

Other subjects discussed were:

- CRA legislation will be presented to the Hicksville School Board November 27th for approval.
- Essex is waiting for Steve Hubbard to be “on board” to complete contract with Sherwood Income Tax.
- Police software contract has been amended to properly show payments/schedule per Police Chief Stickney.
- Eric Bassett asked about the Fire Department’s purchase of the ladder truck. He wanted to know why the decision was made in committee and not by full council. It made it seem like the purchase was slid in under the radar. Mike Headley, from the Police & Fire Committee, responded that they had to put a bid in immediately if they wanted to have a chance to buy the truck. They plan to use it as a trade-in, or replace it using grant money.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Kirk Stickney reported Steve Stose has his paperwork done and has begun full-time. The department had reports of 45 abandoned vehicles. About 25% of them have been corrected.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer reported Feather Bingo will be November 18th beginning a 4 pm - with Bingo beginning at 6 pm. There will be door prizes, and Bingo prizes are chickens or turkeys.

EMS Chief Cody Royer had no report.

Park Director Val Shull was absent. Ron Hard reported the Park Restrooms will be bid again soon.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- MTD/YTD Cash Report
- October Income Tax Collections Report
- October Utilities Collections Report
- October Police Dept. Collections Report
- October Mayor’s Court Collections Report
- Mediacom Franchise Fee Report
- Information on Colonial Life Insurance offered
- Division of Liquor Control Report
- OML Legislative Report
- Asset Management information from Cities & Villages magazine
- Request for council to approve payment of 2 invoices for excavation of the Dave Cole building on High Street (\$1140.00). Mike Headley made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.
- Open Enrollment for insurance was held Nov. 2nd at 9 am in council chambers. All departments were represented except the Police Department.

Mayor’s Report:

The Mayor attended the Gordon Creek Granite Open House at their new building. It is a nice setting for some beautiful granite.

The Mayor expressed condolences to WWTP Superintendent Jeff Rumble on the passing of his brother.

With no other business to discuss Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike She then asked anyone in the room if they had any questions or comments. Richard Fox came to the podium to complain of a cat problem on Columbia Street. The Mayor reminded him we have discussed this the past. There really is no way to legislate the cat population. If people don’t want them hanging around their houses, they need to not feed them. They won’t stay when there is no food. She said it is a good time to remind everyone to have their pets spayed and neutered.

He also asked why trucks are driving on Bryan Street. The Police Chief responded that if a truck is seen on a street they should not reasonably be on, they are stopped and

questioned. Most of the time they are lost and the officer will redirect them. If they are doing anything illegal, they are ticketed.

Mike Barth then reminded everyone of the Wine Tasting coming up soon at the Huber. Reservations are still available.

He also congratulated the Hicksville Cross Country Team and the Football Team for going to the playoffs.

Eric Bassett then made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer