

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 7, 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 17th were presented. Mike Headley moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

The bills list was presented for approval. Mick Pocratsky made a motion to approve with Mike Headley seconding. All voted yes.

The Fireman's Auxiliary was commended by the mayor for their good works in the village. She read their Mission Statement and listed the many projects they take on. Their work behind the scenes goes mostly unnoticed by the public, but provides vital support for our Fire Department. Several members were recognized in the audience. They were given a standing ovation by council as well everyone in the audience.

Susan Mack was on hand to report on The Hicksville Community Service Center and the Beautification Committee. Her information included projects completed this year and what is in store for next year. She reminded residents that the work done by these organizations is all accomplished by volunteers and donations. If anyone in the community would like to participate, any help is accepted. Contact Susan for details.

The Planning Commission met October 27th to discuss a lot split and zoning change at the South Maple property between the Eagles and McDonald's. The commission approved the lot split as well as the zoning change. There will be a Public Hearing November 21st in council chambers at 6pm. The subject is to change the zoning from Residential R-3 to Business B-1.

Boards & Commissions:

The Park Board met October 26th to discuss the 2017 budget. Meeting minutes were in the packets. Mick Pocratsky asked Ron Hard, representing the Board, why they were rekeying the entire Park. Mr. Hard replied that over the years' keys were handed out and never returned. No one knows who has them, so a new policy will be in place. The keys are now numbered and assigned to one person. That person will be responsible for the key until it is returned.

The Architectural Review Board from Industrial Park met November 4th with Gordon Creek Granite to approve the plans for their impending expansion.

Council Committees:

The Cemetery Board met October 27th. Memorial trees are available now for \$150.00. Contact a member of the Cemetery Board for details.

The Sidewalk Committee met October 17th but came to an impasse in their discussion. No minutes were presented.

The Personnel Committee was to meet on October 27th, but the meeting was cancelled.

The Police & Fire Committee met October 25th to discuss replacing the worn out cots in the ambulances. A Stryker cot was chosen for 511. It can be financed at 0% interest for 3 years. The committee approved the purchase. Meeting minutes were included in the packets.

The Finance Committee met October 31st to audit the monthly financial documents through September. They also went through the 2017 budget requests from each department. The final numbers have been approved and will be presented formally at the November 21st council meeting. A 3% raise for all employees was also requested by the committee. It has been figured into next year's budget. Minutes from the meeting were in the packets.

Administrator's Report:

Miller did not have an administrator's report.

There was a report from Ken Kerns, Project Manager for the LTCP Phase I, that brings council up to date on the progress of the many projects around the village.

Miller attended a meeting of the Splash Pad Committee this week. He would like council to give him some direction as to how much council is willing to put into the project, both time and money. Council is interested and would like to pursue the project, but needs figures to look at. Ron Beverly was assigned the task of researching other towns and/or companies who

install the parks. Council would like to have an idea of a range of prices before they commit to anything. Another consideration is the expected upkeep. No one has an idea of what that involves either. Beverly will report at a later meeting.

Solicitor's Report:

Ordinance 2016-14 was read for the second time by caption only to amend Section 181.091 granting a filing exemption to retirees, disabled persons and persons under the age of eighteen.

Resolution 2016-22 was read for the first time by caption only authorizing the Revolving Loan Fund Committee to enter an agreement with Gordon Creek Granite and declaring an emergency. Ron Jones made a motion to suspend the rules. Mike Headley seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2016-22 was read by caption only for a second and third time. Mike Barth moved to approve and Mick Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

The Solicitor asked for an executive session later in the meeting to discuss possible litigation.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Monty Ballinger asked the mayor to recommend council take Monica Herman off probation. She is proving to be an invaluable asset to the department. Mike Headley made a motion to approve the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer reported the Ladies Auxiliary Feather Party Bingo will be held Saturday, November 12th beginning at 4 pm.

EMS Chief Loni Kesler had no report.

Fiscal Officer Report:

Reports on the desk as follows:

- MTD/YTD Cash Report
- October Revolving Loan Fund Report
- October Income Tax Report
- October Police Department Report
- October Mayors Court Report
- Open Checkbook Launch will be November 15th at 11 am in the municipal building. Everyone is invited.
- Kim Forster, Income Tax Administrator, has had a good response from area CPA's and Tax Preparers who are interested in attending the NWOTA meeting on November 16th. It is being held to answer any questions about the changes to the tax law that have taken place.

Mayor's Report:

- The mayor read a Proclamation recognizing World Polio Day.
- She reminded everyone to get out and vote Tuesday, November 8th.
- Veteran's Day, November 11th, all village offices will be closed.
- The Veteran's Memorial will be dedicated Saturday, November 12th at 11 am. The entire community is invited to witness the ceremony. The Fireman's Auxiliary is providing a lunch at the Rotary Pavilion afterwards.
- The Hicksville brochure is being updated by Mike Barth.
- The Huber is having a wine tasting soon.
- There was a letter included outlining a resident's thoughts on the sidewalk situation that the Mayor wanted council to read.

The Mayor asked Bill Murphy for an update on the audio situation in council chambers. He and Ken Ramsey looked at the entire system, which is extremely old and crimped together. Because it has been added to or tweaked over the years instead of being updated as a single system, it has the possibility of losing a connection in any of several places. This can cause the static and uneven volume reported by viewers. The microphones cannot be adjusted individually. If the system is replaced it may cost from \$1,000. 00 to \$2,000.00. Council would like it fixed properly. Murphy would like to share the cost between the TV station and the village. Ron Beverly made a motion to fix/replace the audio system in council chambers with new parts. Mike Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Jeff Rumble explained the daily flow chart he keeps at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

At 7:25 pm Ron Beverly made a motion to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation. Mike Headley seconded. All voted yes.

At 7:40 pm Mike Headley made a motion to return to open session.

With no other business to discuss, Ron Beverly made a motion to adjourn. Mike Headley seconded it. All voted yes. Council was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer