

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, December 18, 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.

Eric Bassett made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

Minutes from the December 4th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Mike Headley made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

A bills list was presented to council. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. Baker, Bassett, Headley, Jones and Beverly voted yes. Barth abstained. Brown will contact Frontier to see if we can have the pool phone disconnected for the winter, but reserve the number for next year. He will also see about having the park phone routed through his office.

Boards & Commissions:

- No meeting or minutes presented.

Council Committees:

- Water/Sewer Committee meeting minutes from December 11th were in the packets. The discussion centered on a wrap-up of 2017 and a look forward to 2018.

Administrator's Report:

- Report was in the packet. Reminder to residents: Christmas trees will be picked up this year. Please remove all trimmings before setting it out at the curb.
- Brown also submitted an application / permit to be used by contractors doing work in the village. It is basically an agreement showing what the village expects from them during their process. Council is asked to read it over and comment.

Solicitor's Report:

First reading of **Ordinance 2017-22** by caption only to establish a Community Reinvestment Area within the boundaries of Hicksville, designate a Housing Officer, create a CRA Housing Council, and a Tax Incentive Review Council. Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, so this ordinance could be in effect for the new year. Eric Bassett seconded. All voted yes. **Ordinance 2017-22** was read for the second and third time by caption only. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. This will now be included in the application to the State of Ohio for approval.

First reading of **Ordinance 2017-23** by caption only to amend the 2017 appropriations, and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. **Ordinance 2017-23** was read for the second and third time by caption only. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2017-28** by caption only allowing the Administrator to enter a contract with Borderline Construction LLC for construction of a restroom facility at Waterworks park and declaring an emergency. Ron Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. **Resolution 2017-28** was read for a second and third time by caption only. Mike Headley made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Essex reported he has looked over the new agreement with Stoett Industries, and it is ready for the mayor's signature. It is a simple change of banks, and Hicksville's position has not changed.

He also let council know that Tax Administrator Kim Forster has several residents who have been sent to court for delinquent taxes. Since they have still not paid, they are now in contempt of court. They will be served by either the Hicksville Police or the Sheriff's Department.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Kirk Stickney reported that Sergeant Monica Herman has resigned as a full-time officer, but will remain part-time. He then asked the mayor to recommend Craig Doctor be promoted to Sergeant. The mayor agreed and made the endorsement. Mike Headley made a motion to accept Doctor as Sergeant, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Stickney reminded residents to drive carefully, now that winter weather has arrived.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer asked resident to remember real Christmas trees need water during the holidays. He also reminded everyone to safety conscious when using any space heater. Do not plug them into power strips.

EMS Chief Cody Royer was absent. Chief Cramer reported Royer was working on the Christmas For Kids Project. They have another prospective EMT. She is already an RN, but will still need to take the class to be certified as an EMT. We do have 2 in class currently. Cramer reported there are about 15 people interested in a First Responder class if he can find an instructor.

Park Director Val Shull was absent.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- MTD/YTD Cash Report
- Mediacom letter listing rate increases
- November Mediacom Franchise Fee Report
- List of all Long-Term Control Plan Phase I projects / progress & payments
- List of all other on-going projects / progress & payments
- Ohio Municipal League Bulletins about new proposed legislation to further reduce revenue to municipalities
- Letter from Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC) announcing their new 2-year funding
- Letter from Ohio Gas asking public officials to encourage natural gas safety to residents
- 2017 Estimated Resources amendments for the end of the year
- List of 2017 Purchase Orders that will be carried over into 2018

Mayor's Report:

The mayor wished everyone Happy Holidays. She then asked Mike Headley to come forward for acknowledgment of his service. He served on council many years ago, and this time since 2010. He also served one year as interim mayor. She thanked him for this service and presented him with a plaque and gift card from the village.

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

Mayor

Fiscal Officer