

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 5th, 2018, 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 read with the following persons in attendance: Council members Eric Bassett, Mike Barth, Ron Jones, Ron Beverly and Larry Ridgway; Administrator Jim Brown and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; Solicitor Troy Essex. Councilmember Shelia Baker was absent.

Minutes from the February 5th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Ron Jones made a motion to accept, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Minutes from the February 19th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. Barth, Bassett, Beverly, Ridgway voted yes, Jones abstained.

A list of bills from February 5th and 19th were presented. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions:

- The **Park Board** met February 21st and minutes were in the packets.
- The **Beautification Committee** met February 22nd and minutes were in the packets.

Council Committees:

- The **Street/Light/Property Committee** met March 1st and minutes were on the table tonight.
- The **Police & Fire Committee** met tonight before council. Minutes will be included in the next council packet.

NOTE: All meeting minutes are available in their entirety in the Fiscal Officer's office at 111 South Main Street, Hicksville or by email request to hixcs@defnet.com.

Administrator's Report:

- A written report was in the packet.
- Items mentioned were (1) Letter from the EPA on Resolution of Violation (2) work schedule to be posted on website and (3) update on work being done to build Park Restroom. The deadline for completion is June 1st, 2018.
- Also discussed was paving of state highways that run through Hicksville. ODOT will pave up to an intersection, but no further. (For example: They will pave 49 into town from the north and stop at the intersection with 18 at the corner of Defiance Avenue). The village will be responsible for paving areas ODOT previously paved.
- Ron Beverly said he had looked at the retaining wall
- A copy of a project nomination form for WSRLA funds for the proposed water tower was included.
- *Complete report available from the Administrator at viladmin@defnet.com.*

Solicitor's Report:

The solicitor reported that the pending lawsuit concerning income tax collection was struck down by the judge. The village has the proper amendments made to the ordinance and the village is in compliance with the current law.

Legislation requested by the Ordinance Committee is pending. Essex is waiting for information he requested from Shelia Baker and Jim Brown to complete.

First reading of **Resolution 2018-02** by caption only directing the Defiance County Auditor to assess the cost of the demolition of dangerous structures to the properties as listed on Exhibit A. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Second and third reading of Resolution 2018-02. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Kirk Stickney was absent.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer presented names for the vacancies on the Rescue Squad.

- The mayor recommended Bruce Silcott be named as Chief. Mike Barth accepted the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.
- The mayor recommended Bob Meyer be named Assistant Chief. Ron Beverly accepted the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

- The mayor recommended John Elwood be hired to fill the open full-time position. Mike Barth accepted the mayor’s recommendation, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

Cramer and Silcott will be attending a seminar/training class in Toledo in the near future. The cost of the class is \$550.00, and training funds are already included in the budget. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the expenditure, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Finally, the Pancake Breakfast will be held on the 17th of March.

EMS Chief-elect Bruce Silcott asked council for permission to switch to another method of billing rescue runs to insurance companies, Medicare and Medicaid. From the information received it will speed up the process from run report to receiving payment by weeks and be done online. The contract was given to Troy Essex to look over. Mike Barth made a motion to approve the switch, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Park Director Val Shull was absent.

Fiscal Officer Report:

The following reports were in the council packets

- MTD/YTD Cash Report
- February Income Tax Collections Report
- February Utility Collections Report

Mayor’s Report:

The mayor reported that the first five names have been submitted to become the CRA Committee members. They will need to have their first meeting and nominate the final two members. Jerry Hayes has been asked for an update on the application that has been submitted to the State of Ohio for approval.

The mayor reported the Men’s Lenten Breakfast will be held March 23rd at 7:30 am at the Cornerstone Missionary Church on W. Arthur Street.

She also asked Eric Bassett and Larry Ridgway how they enjoyed the New Council Seminar they recently attended. They were both enthusiastic about the topics and the speakers. Bassett has served on council longer than most attendees which gave him a different perspective. They both said they learned a lot.

Mike Barth recognized the school kids who have attained recognition in their respective sports; wrestling, gymnastics and basketball.

At 7:00 Ron Beverly asked for an executive session to discuss possible litigation and well as economic development. Larry Ridgway seconded the motion. All voted yes. At 7:40 council returned to regular session.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer