

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 21st, 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: Mayor Diane Collins; Council Members Mike Barth, Eric Bassett, Ron Jones, Ron Beverly; Shelia Baker and Larry Ridgway; Administrator Jim Brown; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex.

Minutes from the May 7th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to accept, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

A list of bills was presented. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Eric Bassett. Baker, Bassett, Beverly, Jones and Ridgway votes yes. Barth abstained.

Boards & Commissions:

The Planning Commission met May 10th - minutes were in the packets.

The HIX TV Board reported they were unable to meet due to lack of quorum.

The Park Board met May 16th - minutes were in the packets.

Council Committees:

The Finance Committee met May 7th - minutes were in the packets. *The committee recommended paying for the new sewer vac truck instead of getting a loan for it. They also put a cap on investing with Multi-Bank Securities at \$1,000,000.00.*

The Police/Fire/EMS Committee met May 7th - minutes were in the packets. The May 18th meeting minutes were on the desks tonight. *They are discussing EMS Chief Silcott's request for more pay for the chief's position and his participation in a paramedic program. We are losing another EMT/Fireman with Tiffany Vollmer moving out of town. Beverly questioned the wisdom of having a paramedic who would primarily be use for transports to Fort Wayne or Toledo. With so few EMT's already, can we afford to leave the village with even less coverage. He wants Hicksville coverage to be foremost. Silcott agreed and assured him transfers would only be done if Hicksville was covered. Beverly replied that it may generate income but should be considered a temporary fix. Silcott said he has been speaking with another department about a "west end" district with pooled resources and personnel. Barth said he can see a future of full time paid personnel mainly due to a decline in volunteer numbers. Everyone wants paid.*

The Ordinance Committee met before tonight's council meeting. Minutes will be in the next packet. *Baker reported they discussed changing the height of grass and weeds from 8" to 6", and the time frame to have them cut from 10 days to 3 days. Beverly asked to include prohibiting mowers from shooting grass into the street and to mandate removal of any sidewalk/construction spoils within a time frame.*

NOTE: All committee 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. *Brown reported we need 2 people to join the Tree Commission. He wants to sell the garbage truck and sewer jet-vac being replaced. He wants to keep the old tanker to use as a water hauler. Brown has been having the guys Bassett asked him if he considered having an energy audit since he is replacing fluorescent fixtures. He will look into it. All employees have been working exercising valves getting ready for hydrant flushing.*

Complete report available from the Administrator at viladmin@defnet.com .
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Solicitor's Report:

Second reading of **Ordinance 2018-05** by caption only amending Chapter 951 (Refuse Ordinance).

First reading of **Ordinance 2018-06** by caption only amending the Income Tax Ordinance and declaring an emergency. Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. **Ordinance 2018-06** was read for a second and final time by caption only. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Second reading of **Resolution 2018-04** by caption only authorizing the Fire Chief to dispose of property no longer needed, obsolete, or unfit for use.

First reading of **Resolution 2018-05** by caption only authorizing the Village of Hicksville to enter a contract with Ward Construction for paving and declaring an emergency. Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Beverly. All voted yes. **Resolution 2018-05** was read for a second and final time by caption only. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Barth. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2018-06** by caption only designating Multi-Bank Securities as a depository of public funds and declaring an emergency. Second and final reading of **Resolution 2018-06** by caption only. Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Ridgway. All voted yes.

Essex reported he has been in contract with Roberta Streiffert from RCAP about our contract for Asset Management. The hold-up has been to combine both sections (Asset Management and GIA Mapping) into one contract.

Department Heads:

***Police Chief Kirk Stickney** asked the mayor to remove Steve Stose from probation. Collins made the recommendation. Beverly made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Bassett. All voted yes. He then asked the mayor to promote Shane Bostic, Brendan Shuherk and Jason Tate from Patrolman II to Patrolman I. Collins made the recommendation. Bassett made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Barth. All votes yes.*

Stickney has gotten quotes from several companies to replace the AC units at the Police Department. He needs the office areas and property/records room done. The garage has a new hanging heater and does not need to be air conditioned. The side offices used by the Community Service Center have working units already.

Stickney reminded citizens there is a “Click It or Ticket” program in effect now due to the holiday. Use your seatbelts!

***Fire Chief Scott Cramer** reported the Fire Department has been awarded a Bureau of Workers Comp grant for \$11,535.00. The grant award is \$9,612.50 with the village’s potion \$1,922.50. The funds will be used for a Groves Extractor (washer), NB Gore Particulate Hoods and Structural Gloves.*

***EMS Chief Bruce Silcott** reported this in National EMS Week. He also asked Essex to draft a collection letter for those patients who need to pay their bill in increments.*

***Park Director Val Shull** would like the “No Parking” signs be enforced. Some areas need signs erected. Shull will get with Brown to accomplish this. Stickney assured everyone his officers will write tickets or tow the vehicles.*

Fiscal Officer Report:

MTD/YTD Cash Report was in the packets.

Mayor’s Report:

- The mayor reported that Community Memorial Hospital will be running the Summer Lunch Program at the park this summer.
- The concert series begins June 1st with all local talent. The concerts will be held on the Huber Opera House Patio.
- She thanked Taylor and Kelsey Klepper for their “Go Local” volunteer program to clean up Hicksville. They had about 80 volunteers come out to work.

Jerry Hayes from the Defiance County Development Corp. was in attendance. He reported that the Hicksville CRA has been approved by the School Board and 4-County and is now awaiting State approval.

Mary Wann spoke about her 21 years heading the Village-Wide Garage Sales. They will happen June 1st and 2nd this year. She had 66 participants last year and probably as many this year. A vendor area will be set up in the park. Christmas Cruise Thru will have a fund-raising Chicken Port-A-Pit there as well.

At 7:25 pm Beverly asked for an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Barth. All voted yes. Council returned to regular session at 7:40 pm.

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