

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 4th, 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, Shelia Baker and Larry Ridgway; Administrator Jim Brown; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex. Councilman Ron Beverly was absent.

Minutes from the May 21st Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to accept, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

A list of bills was presented. Smith reminded council they would be voting to approve the final payment for the Park Restroom Project as well as the retainage for the Clearview Project. Ron Jones made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions:

The Revolving Loan Fund Board met May 23rd. Meeting minutes were in the packets. Legislation to approve a loan to the Hicksville Brewing Company (Two Bandits) will be voted on later in the meeting.

Council Committees:

The Ordinance Committee met May 18th - minutes were in the packets. Legislation to update the Refuse Ordinance will be presented later in the meeting.

The Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee met May 21st - minutes were in the packets.

<i>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.</i>

Administrator's Report:

A written report was in the packet.

Bassett asked about the new restroom: Is it open and who is responsible to open and close it. He thought it was the police department, but Chief Stickney said he has not been so informed. It could be the responsibility of the Park employees. Bassett asked if that meant Val or Gary would have to be at the park 7 days a week at 6 am to unlock the restrooms. If an employee has to go in to the Water Plant on weekends, can they open them? Brown said it didn't matter who did it since we are all on the same team. The responsibility will be determined.

Barth asked about the new Sewer truck. Brown said it would be delivered next week.

The mayor asked about trees the village was cutting down around town. Brown said a lot of trees are being removed and will not be replaced for a while. Baker said maybe the homeowners should be asked if they want them replaced. Brown said if there is a reason for the removal (roots/powerlines) they may not be replaced at all. The mayor said a plan on file was made to replace trees that has taken into consideration all the elements of the individual sites. If we stick to the plan power lines, etc. should not be an issue.

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

Final reading of **Ordinance 2018-05** by caption only amending Chapter 951 (Refuse Ordinance). Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

First reading of **Ordinance 2018-07** by caption only amending Chapter 905 (Grass & Weed Ordinance) and declaring an emergency. Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ridgway. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2018-07 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Final reading of **Resolution 2018-04** by caption only authorizing the Fire Chief to dispose of property no longer needed, obsolete, or unfit for use. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2018-07** by caption only authorizing the Revolving Loan Fund Committee to enter an agreement with the Hicksville Brewing Company and declaring an emergency. Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Barth. All voted yes. **Resolution 2018-07** was read for a second and final time by caption only. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Barth. 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.

He also reported contact with the Sherwood Solicitor. He is preparing legislation for the Sherwood Council to allow Hicksville to collect their income taxes. The deadline for Sherwood to notify RITA of this decision is July 1st. The effective date will be January 1, 2019.

EMS Chief Silcott asked Essex to approve a letter he will send to any outstanding Rescue Run account. It offers payment plans as well as payment by credit cards.

Department Heads:

***Police Chief Kirk Stickney** reported he has received several quotes to replace the air conditioning units at the Police Department. He has decided to accept a quote of \$10,655.00, which will install a unit on the ground to cover the entire office area. Later in the year he will look into a unit for the records/evidence areas. He also has pricing on a patrol car from Statewide Ford in Van Wert. It will cost \$40,850.00 for a new Ford Explorer. He asked locally, but they could not match the offer.*

***Fire Chief Scott Cramer** asked council for approval to let the firemen have their helmets that have been removed from inventory tonight. He also reported that the ladder truck is back and repaired. They resume training Tuesday.*

***EMS Chief Bruce Silcott** reported he is sending out 247 letters for unpaid rescue runs. It offers assistance to anyone who cannot pay the bill or provide insurance information. We also have started to accept credit cards for payment.*

***Park Director Val Shull** was absent. Ron Hard was present. He reported the pool is open now. It was not open last week because the lifeguards were still in class. He said the new dugout is done. There is a request for the park position held by Gary Shull to be made salary instead of hourly. It was referred to the Personnel Committee.*

Fiscal Officer Report: the following reports were in the packets:

MTD/YTD Cash Report
May Income Tax and Utility Collections
May Mayor's Court Report
Current SJS Investment Portfolio
Letter from the OML - sent to Water/ Sewer Committee for opinion

Mayor's Report:

The mayor reported there is legislation being considered concerning annexation and municipal utilities - she would like council to be aware of it if they are not already.

Mike Barth congratulated the graduates for 2018. He made mention of the athletes who have gone to the state level in baseball and track.

He also thanked everyone that participated in the Memorial Day celebration and parade. He thanked all military personnel and their families for their service.

Finally, he announced the opening of the lunch program in the park daily. Kids can attend Monday through Friday and eat lunch from 12-12:30 and then participate in activities. It is being hosted by the Community Memorial Hospital.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer