

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 18th, 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, Ron Beverly and Larry Ridgway; Administrator Jim Brown; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex.

Minutes from the June 4th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to accept, seconded by Larry Ridgway. Baker, Barth, Bassett, Jones and Ridgway voted yes. Beverly abstained.

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

The Mayor presented certificates to Susan Mack (Beautification Committee), Taylor Klepper (Go Local clean-up initiative) and Zane Zeedyk (Night of Lights) on behalf of the Defiance County Environmental Services.

Boards & Commissions:

The HIX TV Board met June 9th. Minutes were included in the packets.

Council Committees:

No committees met. Personnel is meeting on June 29th at 5 pm. The Ordinance committee is meeting on the 21st at 5 pm. Water/Sewer/Refuse is meeting the 25th at 4 pm.

<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. A list of trees to be removed was included.

- Brown said he and Val & Gary Shull discussed another use for the NatureWorks grant before the deadline.
- Brown reported he has made up "self-evaluation" forms for employees to fill out and return.
- The mayor said another person was needed on the Tree Commission and she has asked Kent Miller since he is familiar with the process of removing and replanting trees. She also suggested the Commission meet so everyone can look at the plan documents prepared for the village.
- Baker asked if they were still having the same problem at the Defiance Ave. lift station. Jeff Rumble told her yes, it is a combination of rags and an ongoing electrical problem. He and Brown have been talking about a way to make repairs. They don't agree with the Long-Term Control Plan Phase II plans approved by the EPA. The mayor is concerned that if we do repairs not approved by the EPA, we may have to do something different later. Rumble assured her we would not be throwing money away. Phase II has a deadline of 2025, so Brown is convinced the data over the years will show the EPA this way works.
- The mayor recommends we put a message on the bills asking residents to stop flushing wipes down the toilet, even "flushable" ones. She also requested Brown ask local plumbers if they are having a similar problem with unclogging drains.
- Beverly asked about the curbing repair on West High and the new curb and catch basin on Bunnell. Brown said those projects are on the back burner.
- Beverly told Brown bollards should be installed in front of the new restroom at the park. Brown said he was getting quotes for paving the parking lot. Beverly asked him to include installing the bollards at the same time.

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

Second reading of **Ordinance 2018-07** by caption only amending Chapter 905 (Grass & Weed Ordinance) and declaring an emergency. Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Bassett. 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.

First reading of **Ordinance 2018-08** by caption only approving editing and codification of Village Ordinances and declaring an emergency. Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ridgway. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2018-08 by caption only. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Bassett. All voted yes.

First reading of **Ordinance 2018-09** by caption only rezoning Lots 13, part of 14 and a vacated alley by caption only and declaring an emergency. Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2018-09 by caption only. Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Barth. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2018-08** by caption only authorizing the mayor to enter an agreement with the Village of Sherwood to collect taxes on behalf of Sherwood and declaring an emergency. Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ridgway. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2018-08 by caption only. Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Barth. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2018-09** by caption only authorizing the Village Administrator to sell property no longer needed for public use pursuant to R.C. 721.15

Department Heads:

Police Chief Kirk Stickney reported the air conditioning company will begin installation tomorrow. 36 junk vehicles have been done. A written report was given to council tonight with activity numbers.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer had no report.

EMS Chief Bruce Silcott reported his phone has been ringing off the wall since the 247 letters were sent out on unpaid ambulance bills. The Rescue Squad has had 227 runs this year so far.

Park Director Val Shull was absent.

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

- MTD/YTD Cash Report*
- Final paperwork for the North Main Street Waterline*
- Agenda from the OAPT Conference Smith attended last week*
- Verbal report on the problems citizens are experiencing with the Post office including missing or misdirected mail. Residents are urged to let the Postmaster know. The Village cannot do anything about mail delivery.

Mayor's Report:

- The Eagles Auxiliary has given the Park a donation of \$250.00 for a Pickle Ball Program.
- Citizens are invited to come out and listen to the outdoor concerts at the Huber.
- June 28 the Defiance County Farm Bureau will hold a Policy Development Breakfast Meeting. If you would like to attend, ask the mayor for details.
- A letter from the Trinity United Methodist Church was in the packets. They are concerned about losing a handicap parking space. The mayor assured them council was adding another space, not removing one.
- On May 7th the mayor had asked council (Street/Light/Property) to look at the Pavilion. It needs some updates done. Beverly reported he went down and looked it over and the kitchen especially is in dire need of repair or replacement. Council is in agreement to do whatever is necessary to fix the situation.
- The mayor commended the citizens for keeping their yards so nice with mowed grass and flower beds. She thanked Zane Zeedyk for his line of flags at the cemetery. Every time someone drives by they can see the beauty and the sense of pride shown.
- Collins reminded citizens that when the temperature is over 90 degrees, pool admission is free. She also asked everyone to check on their neighbors, especially the elderly, to see if they need anything in the hot weather.
- Finally, she asked for a Nuisance Board meeting to discuss some issues that have been brought to her attention.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer