

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, August 20th, 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 Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex.

Minutes from the August 6th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Larry Ridgway made a motion to accept, seconded by Ron Jones. Baker, Bassett, Barth, Jones and Ridgway voted yes. Beverly abstained.

A list of bills was presented. The mayor asked about the hardware purchased by the police department and Bassett asked about the ammunition. Smith will find out from Chief Stickney when he returns from class. Miller was asked about the work done in Oak Park. A resident hired work done and it turned out to be a village water main, so we paid the invoice. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Ron Jones. Baker, Beverly, Bassett, Jones and Ridgway voted yes. Barth abstained.

Boards & Commissions:

The CRA Housing Board met August 8th for the first time. They discussed the application process and will also add 2 members at the next meeting.

The Nuisance Board met August 6th to discuss the property at Crook Miller. Council decided to let the process proceed according to Ohio Revised Code.

The Park Board met August 15th. The fence on Field #7 was damaged earlier in the year. Despite Kent Miller's objections, this matter will be sent to the insurance company for a decision. The damage was not done by a village employee or by a weather event so they may deny the claim. If they deny the claim council will need to decide how to pay for the repairs/replacement. Miller was asked to look into installing an overhead bar at Adventure Alley to deter trucks from parking or turning around. Miller reported that the damaged gate has been replaced and the trucking company responsible has reimbursed the village.

Council Committees:

No minutes were submitted.

<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: The letter from Poggemeyer Design Group referencing the bids received for the Chicago Avenue waterline was submitted. The project was awarded to Bryan Excavating.

Larry Ridgway asked about reporting street lights that are out. Miller said any outage can be reported to his office and he will get the information to AEP. He asked the police department to let him know if they notice any on their evening shifts.

Solicitor's Report:

First reading of **Ordinance 2018-10** by caption only creating a new position of Assistant Administrator and declaring an emergency. Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Larry Ridgway. Baker, Bassett, Barth, Jones and Ridgway voted yes. Beverly voted no. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2018-10 by caption only. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Ridgway. Baker, Bassett, Barth, Jones and Ridgway voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Third reading of **Resolution 2018-09** by caption only authorizing the Administrator to dispose of unneeded or obsolete property. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Bassett. All voted yes.

Second reading of **Resolution 2018-14** by caption only to assess street light millage.

Second reading of **Resolution 2018-15** by caption only assessing unpaid utility bills.

Second reading of **Resolution 2018-16** by caption only assessing unpaid mowing bills.

Second reading of **Resolution 2018-17** by caption only to enter an agreement with Defiance Co. Commissioners to recover monies expended for indigent persons' legal fees.

Second reading of **Resolution 2018-18** by caption only to recognize the importance of the Michindoh Aquifer and to oppose drilling for and private distribution of said groundwater.

First reading of **Resolution 2018-19** by caption only strongly urging Governor Kasich to return state budget surplus to municipalities.

First reading of **Resolution 2018-20** by caption only authorizing a contract with Bryan Excavating for the Chicago Avenue water-line project and declaring an emergency. Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2018-20 by caption only. Barth made a motion to approves, seconded by Ridgway. All voted yes.

First reading of Resolution **2018-21** by caption only to establish a new pay rate fir the Administrator and declaring an emergency. Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ridgway. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2018-21 by caption only. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Ridgway. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

- **Police Chief Kirk Stickney** was absent. Shane Bostic was present and announced Tyler Maynard has completed his probation. The mayor wants to speak with the Chief before anything official happens.
- **Fire Chief Scott Cramer** had no report.
- **EMS Chief** - no report
- **Park Director Val Shull** was absent. Stephanie Mazur was present but had no report.

Fiscal Officer Report:

MTD/YTD Cash Report

Mayor's Report:

- The mayor thanked everyone involved with the summer concert series held on the Huber side porch. It was a popular and will hopefully become an annual event.
- She congratulated Bill Zimmerman on his 90th birthday. Mr. Zimmerman has served the village in many capacities over the years including working on the Veterans Memorial.
- A Pickle Ball clinic will be held Thursday at 8:30 am. The first to arrive will receive a paddle.
- Hicksville Schools Superintendent Keith Countryman has asked the village to consider installing a crosswalk system on East High Street for the kids to cross over to the school side.
- The mayor, Shelia Baker and Mike Bailey inspected the sidewalks in the downtown area for uneven places. A company has contacted the village offering a service in which they grind down the places that are higher. It is less expensive than replacing the portion of the sidewalk needing work. If any resident would like their sidewalk to be evaluated they should call Mike Bailey at the Zoning office (419-542-0115) to be put on a list of addresses to be checked.

At 6:40 Ron Beverly asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and possible litigation, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Council returned to regular session at 7:40 pm.

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

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