

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 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, Ron Jones, Shelia Baker, Ron Beverly and Larry Ridgway; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex. Eric Bassett was absent.

Minutes from the August 20th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Ron Jones made a motion to accept, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

A list of bills was presented. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Shelia Baker. All voted yes.

There will be a Public Hearing by the **Board of Zoning Appeals** on an application for a sign variance at 304 Wendell Avenue. The meeting will be in the Zoning Office September 19th at 4 pm.

John Engler from the Williams County Alliance was present to talk about the opposition to private distribution of water from the Michindoh Aquifer. The village is in agreement.

Boards & Commissions:

The Revolving Loan Committee met August 15th and 22nd. The discussion was an application for a loan to Top Timber Tree Service LLC. Legislation will be presented later in the meeting.

The Park Board held a Special Meeting August 27th to discuss the ball field fencing that was damaged earlier in the year. They feel that since former Administrator James Brown said the village would take care of it, the village should pay for the repairs (\$8500.00) or have the insurance cover it.

Council Committees:

No committees met during this period.

<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:

Miller asked council for some guidance on the Denan Drive project. His original plan was to remove the cement street and replace with asphalt. The plan was changed to patch portions of the street and use the leftover money elsewhere. Miller wants to know what exactly council wants patched. The mayor asked Beverly and Ridgway to go with Miller and mark what needs to be done where. Baker is still opposed to patching. She would like the street to be completely done as first decided.

September 11th representatives from the EPA will meet with Miller and the committee to discuss Defiance Avenue and Chicago Avenue (Phase II). The committee will also discuss Industrial Drive utilities and the progress with RCAP mapping (GIS/GPS).

Solicitor's Report:

Final reading of **Resolution 2018-14** by caption only to assess street light millage. Mike Barth made a motion to approve seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

Final reading of **Resolution 2018-15** by caption only assessing unpaid utility bills. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

Final reading of **Resolution 2018-16** by caption only assessing unpaid mowing bills. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

Final 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. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Final 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. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

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

First reading of **Resolution 2018-22** by caption only accepting rates and amounts as determined by the Budget Commission. Ron Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2018-22 by caption only. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2018-23** by caption only authorizing an agreement with Top Timber Tree Service LLC and the Revolving Loan Committee and declaring an emergency. Ron Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2018-23 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Ron Beverly made a **Motion** that Council waive a hearing with the Budget Commission and accept the apportionment of local government funds (\$75,066.99) for 2019, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

- **Police Chief Kirk Stickney** reported the new cruiser will be delivered next week. He will need to get the proper paperwork to Kent Miller, so it can be added to the insurance policy.
- **Fire Chief Scott Cramer** asked that Bradley North, pastor of Scipio, to be named Department Chaplain. Ron Jones made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.
- **EMS Chief** - no report
- **Park Director Val Shull** - no report

Fiscal Officer Report:

MTD/YTD Cash Report

Mayor’s Report:

The mayor reminded everyone that “Meet the Cops” will be held September 20th at the Huber from 9 to 11 am. Coffee and donuts will be served. The meeting is sponsored by the Huber Boys.

Justin Kuhn spoke to council about erecting a new “Hicksville” sign near FWT. He passed out examples from other towns. He would like council to agree to match any funds he can raise by donations. He thinks a nice sign would run about \$7,000.00. Ron Jones made a motion to approve the village matching up to \$3500.00 for a new sign. He was seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Kuhn reported he is building a coffee shop on the triangle of land at the corner of 49 and 2 across from the school. He would like to annex the property. Council will need him to bring the proper paperwork before they can vote on the request. At that time Troy Essex will write legislation to accept.

Kuhn would like to develop the land he owns behind Casa Grande. He reports being told the village cannot tie into existing utilities and install water and sewer line in that area. He would like clarification on the matter. It was referred to the Water/Sewer Committee.

Peggy Vaughn spoke to council about her property on Antwerp Drive. The land behind hers is owned by the village. She said she was under the impression it was considered officially a “wetland” that could never be developed. Council told her it is not an official wetland, but there could be flooding issues in major rain events. She is not in favor of any development behind her property.

Aden Baker, a candidate for State Representative, spoke to council about his bid for office, especially his concern with the budget crunch being experienced by smaller municipalities.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer