

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 1st, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Collins, followed by the invocation from Pastor Steve Eysers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll Call was read with the following persons in attendance: Mayor Diane Collins; Council Members Eric Bassett, Mike Barth, Ron Jones, Shelia Baker, Ron Beverly and Larry Ridgway; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex.

Eric Bassett made a motion to amend the agenda to include Ordinance 2018-12, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Minutes from the September 17th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Ron Jones made a motion to accept, seconded by Mike Barth. Barth, Jones, Baker, Ridgway and Beverly voted yes. Bassett abstained.

Minutes from the September 20th Special Council Meeting were presented. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, 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. All voted yes.

Rick Rostorfer from Sherwood Mutual Telephone (SMTA) was on hand to preview signs to be placed around town announcing Hicksville as GIG certified. The project has been completed. He is looking into installation at the school for HIX TV.

Boards & Commissions:

The Board of Zoning Appeals held a meeting September 9th to discuss a request by Hershberger Fine Foods for a sign setback variance. The request was approved. Minutes were in the packets.

The Park Board met September 19th to discuss the 2019 budget. Minutes were in the packets.

The Cemetery Board will meet October 9th.

Council Committees:

The Police/Fire/EMS Committee met September 20th and had minutes in the packets.

The Finance Committee met September 24th and had minutes in the packets.

The Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee met today at 3 pm to discuss 3 options for the Chicago Avenue project.

<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: No report

Solicitor's Report:

First reading of **Resolution 2018-24** by caption only opposing State Issue I which would reduce penalties for drug related crimes.

First reading of **Ordinance 2018-12** by caption only amending pay rates for part-time EMTs and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2018-12. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

- **Police Sergeant Doctor** was present. He wants to reinstate the Ride-Along Program. He will get the waiver sent to Troy Essex for approval and will check about liability. He has put information on the Police Department Facebook page defining what is considered a “junk vehicle.” Doctor also said the Village should look into internships for Defiance College students. He will be utilizing part-time officers more in the future. The Police Officers have challenged the Fire Department in the 5K race Saturday.
- **Fire Chief Scott Cramer** reported the Hicksville NY Fire Department has donated a vehicle to our department. The plating and insurance will be covered by the Auxiliary. The Fire/EMS Department has been nominated for the Dr. Frank Foss EMS Excellence Award. The award will be presented February 6, 2019. October 6th is serving breakfast at 7 am, with a 5K run at 8 am and an Open House from 11 as part of Hoptoberfest.
- **EMS** -John Elwood submitted a report of monthly calls
- **Park Director Val Shull** - no report

Fiscal Officer Report:

MTD/YTD Cash Report

Income Tax Report

Utility Collections

Mayor's Report:

The mayor reported that the Lifeline Connect Church on Defiance Avenue will hold a Fall celebration on the 7th, with hayrides, face painting, food, a bounce-house and much more from 4 pm to 6 pm.

Saturday the downtown area will be blocked off for Hoptoberfest events.

Trick or Treat will be from 4 pm to 6 pm October 27th. There will be Trunk or Treat earlier and festivities at the Fire Hall after.

Mayor Collins would like to discontinue giving out commodities to low income families at the end of the year. This announcement has been made publicly so the residents of Hicksville can voice their opinions for or against such a move. If no one objects, they will not be given out after January 1, 2019. The mayor feels there are enough other resources available without the village providing groceries as well. (Senior Center, Christ Cupboard, free suppers/commodities at various churches, etc).

The mayor thanked the Hicksville Rotary and the Eagles for their donations towards a gator for the Beautification Committee.

Ron Beverly asked to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 6:45 pm, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Council returned to regular session at 6:55 pm.

The mayor announced that the Village and Community Memorial Hospital are in talks to have the EMS department become part of the hospital's emergency department. If all goes well the change will occur in January 2019.

Ron Beverly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer