

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
AMENDED

Monday, October 15th, 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.

Minutes from the October 1st Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to accept, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

A list of bills was presented. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes with only Mike Barth abstaining.

- Justin Kuhn was present to address council. He reported the Go Fund Me account he started for the new Hicksville sign has been very successful. He presented an initial drawing by Dave Brown Design. The donations came to \$5250.00, which Kuhn would like council to match. They agreed to \$3500.00 this year as previously voted on.
- Kuhn asked for direction from council for annexing property to the village.
- He also asked about an easement along his property on West High Street (Casa Grande) to provide access to the land behind where he hopes to build condos. This will be referred to the Village Planning Commission.

Boards & Commissions:

The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing November 7th at 4 pm in the Zoning Office to discuss an application for a zoning variance. Barbara Parker wants to open a free-standing Birth Center at 618 North Main Street in Hicksville.

The Cemetery Board met October 9th and minutes are in the packets. The next meeting is December 20th.

Council Committees:

The Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee met October 3rd to discuss 3 options for the Chicago Avenue project. The committee asked council to approve their choice. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

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.

Administrator's Report: A copy of a change order for the Chicago Avenue waterline project was given to council.

Solicitor's Report:

First reading of **Ordinance 2018-13** by caption only to amend the Police Department appropriations 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 Ordinance 2018-13. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

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

First reading of **Resolution 2018-25** by caption only to amend Ordinance 2017-22 concerning the proposed CRA and declaring an emergency. Ron Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2018-25 by caption only. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2018-26** by caption only to approve a change order to Ward Construction and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution

2018-26 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

- **Police Sergeant Doctor** had no report.
- **Fire Chief Scott Cramer** announced the Halloween Carnival will be held on the 27th from 6 to 8 pm. Feather Bingo will be November 10th beginning at 4:30 pm.
- **EMS** had no report.
- **Park Director** had no report.

Fiscal Officer Report:

MTD Fund Status Report and Cash Status Report

Mayor’s Report:

There will be a Town Hall Meeting in the council room October 25th at 6 pm to discuss the proposed Community Memorial Hospital take-over of the EMS Department. Trick or Treating will be the 27th from 4 to 6 pm. Lifeline Connect Church will also have a carnival as well as Trunk or Treat at the Lutheran Church. Hoptoberfest was a success. Two Bandits raised money from their race and donated it to Helping Hands of Hicksville and the Beautification Committee. There will be a Veterans Memorial to commemorate the anniversary of the Meuse Argonne offensive in WWI on November 11th. The Fire Department will sponsor a dinner for veterans at the Catholic Church.

Tommy Evans was present to ask council to reconsider their decision to discontinue monthly Commodities. He voiced his concerns that it would create a hardship on needy families. Not everyone qualifies for help from the Senior Center and other options. The mayor asked Kent Miller about how many families are served, and he replied 45 families/72 individuals. The average at the Senior Center is 12. The matter can still be addressed until the end of the year.

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

Mayor Fiscal Officer