

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett asked for a correction to the minutes removing a sentence concerning a second vote on the sign Justin Kuhn had presented to council. Corrected minutes will be brought for approval at the next meeting.

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

**Boards & Commissions:**

**The Nuisance Board** met October 15<sup>th</sup> and again on October 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss property on Defiance Avenue and the house fire on West High Street- minutes were in the packets.

**The Park Board** met October 17<sup>th</sup> with a representative of the Chamber to discuss "Day in the Park" and other activities - minutes were in the packets.

**The HIX TV Board** met October 13<sup>th</sup> - minutes were in the packets.

**Council Committees:**

**The Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee** met at 4 pm today. No minutes were available yet.

Eric Bassett reported the **Police/Fire/EMS Committee** met to interview candidates for the Police Chief position. References are still being checked. There will be a nomination brought to council soon.

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| <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 <a href="mailto:hixcs@defnet.com">hixcs@defnet.com</a>.</i> |
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**Administrator's Report:**

Leaves will continue to be picked up until December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Barth asked about the asphalt grindings at the Recycle Lot. Miller said we use them around the village and do not sell or give them away.

**Solicitor's Report:**

First reading of **Ordinance 2018-14** by caption only to amend appropriations.

Final reading of **Resolution 2018-24** by caption only opposing State Issue I which would reduce penalties for drug related crimes. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2018-27** by caption only to enter farm lease with Roger Zeedyk IV and declaring an emergency. Ron Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2018-27 by caption only. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

**Department Heads:**

***Police Sergeant Doctor***

- Asked the mayor to recommend promoting Steve Stose from Patrolman II to Patrolman I. He is doing a great job and has a good evaluation. The mayor made the recommendation. Mike Barth made a motion to approve the promotion, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.
- He also reported keyholders for the downtown businesses have been updated.
- For those who ask about traffic control at the school, they are concentrating manpower at bus stops and crosswalks.
- Doctor reported 23 junk vehicles being removed with 2 citations issued.

***Fire/EMS Chief Scott Cramer***

- Reported the Halloween Carnival was a success.
- The Christmas For Kids applications are available at the Fire Hall or the Municipal Building. They are due by December 7<sup>th</sup> and gifts will be handed out on the 17<sup>th</sup>. On November 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a “Live Drive” at Priority Tax on Bunnell Street.
- On November 10<sup>th</sup> the Fireman’s Auxiliary will host the annual Feather Bingo party. Doors open at 4 pm, play begins at 6 pm.
- Sunday, November 11th at 5 pm, the firemen will host a dinner for veterans at St. Michael’s Catholic Church.
- For the month, there have been 32 runs total, including 27 rescues. John Elwood presented a Monthly Call List from the Rescue Squad.

***Park Director Val Shull***

- was represented by Ron Hard of the Park Board. He reported they are discussing next year’s activities. The mayor suggested they recruit volunteers to help out.

**Fiscal Officer Report:**

The following reports were presented:

Fund Status

October Utility Collections

October Income Tax Collections

October Mayor’s Court Collections

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Mediacom Franchise Fee Report

Listing of Liquor Licenses in Hicksville

**Mayor’s Report:**

The new sign at the Police Department has been installed as well as the new plaque on Meuse Argonne.

The mayor thanked the Tribune for donating the printed invitations to the Veteran’s Memorial Celebration to be held Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Memorial.

The Commemoration - WWI 100 years ago - will be at 1pm. Cornerstone Church will be serving a veteran’s lunch from 11:30 to 1 pm. Parking is available at both Cornerstone, but across the street at the Mennonite Church. Golf carts will be available for transport. In the case of poor weather, the ceremony will be held in the Cornerstone sanctuary.

There will be a display of WWI memorabilia at the Johnson Memorial Library on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Christmas Cruise Thru begins November 17<sup>th</sup>. They can use volunteers. If you want to help contact Denise Sutter at Alliance Tax.

There was further discussion between the mayor and council about commodities. The mayor asked council if they had been contacted by anyone to voice their opinion. Baker and Beverly both said they had. It was decided to continue commodities and work with other organizations to possibly combine distributions. Kent Miller and Steve Eysers of Lifeline Connect Church will look into it.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer