

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Collins, followed by the invocation by 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, Larry Ridgway, and Ron Beverly; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex.

Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Minutes from the January 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

A list of bills to be paid was presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

A Notice of Public Hearing was announced to be held in Council Chambers February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm. The Notices are for a Lot Split application by Crook-Miller, the Zoning for the property at 967 E. High St. , and an application to put in a driveway at the same location.

**Boards & Commissions:**

The **Cemetery Board** met January 25<sup>th</sup> and submitted minutes in the packets. Cheryl Miller also included the 2018 Annual Report and the 2019 Budget.

The **Revolving Loan Committee** met January 31<sup>st</sup> and minutes were in the packets. The committee was presented with information on a possible new product line from Chris Stover of Stoett Industries. The mayor announced the resignation of Ed Foster from the committee. She has appointed Michal Mazur to replace Foster.

The **HIX TV Board** met January 12<sup>th</sup> and provided minutes of the meeting.

**Council Committees:**

The **Water/Sewer Committee** met January 23<sup>rd</sup> and included minutes in the packets. The committee met with representatives of Hicksville Township, Defiance County Commissioners, Defiance County CIC and Village employees, including both Utility Supervisors, Utility Clerk, the Administrator and Mayor. The meeting ended in a stalemate with no decision made concerning infrastructure at Makarios Place. Neither the property owners nor prospective developer attended the meeting.

The **Street/Light/Property Committee** met January 22<sup>nd</sup> and included minutes in the packets. The committee met with downtown business people to discuss a plan for revitalization. They also decided 2 to 1 to recommend against a driveway at the property across from the school.

The 2018 **Finance Committee** met January 31<sup>st</sup> to review and sign the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter financial statements.

The **Police/Fire/EMS Committee** met January 25<sup>th</sup> and included minutes in the packets. Chief Cramer asked to committee for permission to seek a grant writer to pursue grants for new equipment. The committee asked council to approve the request. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes. Chief Denning told the committee he is having trouble with the Taurus. It will need new struts and an alignment. The new radio system for the Police Department has shipped. The Fire Department's has not.

*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](mailto:hixcs@defnet.com).*

**Administrator's Report:**

Miller reported he heard from ODOT that Hicksville would not score well for the grant for Downtown Revitalization, so the effort has been scrapped.

The mayor would like to have a packet made up for prospective developers of property in Hicksville. She will begin working on it.

**Solicitor's Report:**

- First reading of **Resolution 2019-03** by caption only to establish a new Agency Fund to receive income tax money for the Village of Sherwood 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 2019-03 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

**Department Heads:**

**Police:** *Mark Denning reported in January the department had 387 calls. He entered into a cell phone contract which provides 3 laptops for the cruisers. He will have to get new brackets. Air cards will not be necessary. The officers will be able to get real-time updates.*

**Fire/EMS:** *Scott Cramer reported the Fire Department has received 2 applicants: Austin Henderson and Samantha Sell. The mayor recommended them to council. Mike Barth made a motion to accept them with a good physical, drug screen and background check, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.*

*Purse Bingo will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are available for \$35.00 and include a taco bar.*

*Representatives of the Fire Department will travel to the Kalahari in Sandusky on February 6<sup>th</sup> to accept the EMS Excellence Award given by Life Flight.*

**Park Director:** *Val Shull has an ad in the paper for lifeguards. The "Day in the Park" is looking for sponsors.*

**Fiscal Officer Report:** The following reports were submitted:

Fund Status Report

January Utility Collections

January Income Tax Collections

**Mayor's Report:**

The mayor gave council copies of a letter from a concerned citizen about the "housing crisis" in Hicksville.

She also wanted council to decide if they wish to accept or deny any business in the medical marijuana industry wishing to come to Hicksville, Now is the time to decide and pass legislation if the answer is no. Council will be asked for their opinions at the next council meeting. Pastor Steve Evers said to be cautious in accepting anything to do with the business as it could become a slippery slope we don't want to go down. Chief Denning said, "absolutely not" when asked his opinion about any new medical marijuana business in Hicksville.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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