

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 4th ,2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Minutes from the February 18th 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. Some items were questioned and answered satisfactorily. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Cory Wann was on hand from the Park Board to update council on “Day In The Park” plans. Some items being considered are bounce houses, a car show, corn hole events, a dunk tank, free swimming at the pool, vendors for food and drinks. Vendors will pay a \$50.00 fee to participate. The hospital will sponsor a 5K run. The Fire Department may hold a breakfast. The Board would like to have a tent, maybe 40X60 which will be about \$700.00 to \$800.00. The events will be held rain or shine. Port-A-Johns will also be needed. When the numbers are more definite, he will contact the Fiscal Officer to discuss the budget. The Board would like this to become an annual event possibly adding fireworks in the future.

Kent Miller added that they will need to have contracts with the vendors as well as copies of their liability insurance policies. He will contact our insurance advisor as well once plans have been set.

Boards & Commissions:

The **Beautification Committee** met January 28th. Minutes are in the packets. Kelsey Klepper was welcomed as the newest member. The next meeting will be Monday, February 25th at 2:30 pm in council chambers.

The **HIX TV Board** met February 9th. Meeting minutes were in the packets. Bill Murphy reported the permanent volunteers are covered by liability insurance while “on the job” for the village. SMTA needs more equipment before they can add HIX TV to their line-up. The next meeting will be March 9th at 8 am at the Hicksville School Library.

The **Park Board** met February 20th and meeting minutes were in the packets. Other than the “Day in the Park” they discussed new dugouts, artificial pitcher’s mounds and a walking path through the Park.

The **CRA Housing Council** met February 20th and minutes were in the packets. They approved their first application for Mark Yoder. Council was also given the list of members: Mike Bailey is the Housing Officer, with Jim Siler, Taylor Klepper, Michel Mazur, Matt Guilford, Linda McMahon, Mark Yoder and Tim Turnbull.

The **Planning Commission** met February 21st and submitted minutes in the packets. They approved a Lot Split application made by Baker-McMillen (Crook Miller). They also discussed a request by Justin Kuhn to add a driveway to his property at the corner of 2 and 49. (967 E High Street). The Commission approved a motion to allow the driveway. They also recommend to council the area be zoned as B1 Light Business. Mike Bailey will complete the process.

Council Committees:

The **Water/Sewer Committee** met February 20th and meeting minutes were in the packets. They discussed the need for a new well field. They met with Jones & Henry engineers Peter Latta and Clifford Gordon. They also discussed the Spencerville property, the Arthur St property as well as the ongoing water loss problem.

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: no report submitted

Solicitor’s Report:

First reading of **Ordinance 2019-01** by caption only, prohibiting the establishment and operation of medical marijuana cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries within the village limits.

Department Heads:

Police: Chief Denning reported Officer Tyler Maynard has completed his probation period satisfactorily and he would like to promote him from patrolman II to Patrolman I. The mayor made the recommendation to council. Ron Beverly made the motion to approve the promotion, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. He also reported the department had 332 calls last month, with 201 being cases.

Fire/EMS: Chief Cramer reported the Purse Bingo was a success. He also announced the upcoming Breakfast with “Commissioners on the Road” will be held March 9th from 8-10 am. The Bowling Green Fire School will be held March 23rd – 24th. On March 29th the representative from the Grant Writing firm will be here to answer questions about their services.

Park Director: Steph Mazur from the Park Board was present. She wanted to understand receiving donations, and how they can be earmarked for the “Day in the Park.” The Fiscal Officer explained the process.

A list of seasonal Park Personnel and Pool Employees was given to the mayor for approval. The mayor made the recommendation. Mike Barth made a motion to approve the hires/rehires, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

The list included: Park Director Val Shull, Park employees Gary Shull, Armon Haver and Gage Yoder. Returning lifeguards: Mijana Mazur, Serena Snell, Peyton Yoder, Kendall Billman, Michael Myers, Boston Hootman, Shelby North and Sari Contreras. New lifeguards: Sophie Clark and Nate Sullivan.

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status Report
- Purchase Order Report
- Updated Boards & Commissions List
- February Utility Collections
- February Income Tax Collections
- February Mayor’s Court Collections
- February Police Department Collections
- Revolving Loan Fund Report

Mayor’s Report:

The mayor gave council of the following items:

- Flyer for the Fireman’s/Commissioners “Breakfast on the Road”
- Letter from the Fort Defiance Humane Society requesting funds for assistance combating the feline overpopulation in the area. The amount they want is \$2975.00 as previously stated. Ron Beverly made a motion to pay \$1450.00, seconded by Mike Barth. Beverly noted that citizens have addressed council with their concerns and asking something be done. Eric Bassett was not in favor because of the cost-cutting done at budget time. A vote was taken with Beverly, Barth and Ridgway voting yes and Baker and Bassett voting no.
- An Ohio EPA letter announcing a Public Meeting to be held March 12th at 6 pm at the Village of Fayette school. The information session will be to hear comments on the proposed siting of a well by Artesian of Pioneer into our aquifer. Kent Miller said if he cannot attend, he will ask Jessi Elson, Water Superintendent, to attend.
- A *Call To Action* was sent out by the Ohio Municipal League urging members to support the 18-cent gas tax hike to fund transportation infrastructure.
- A notice was included from Attorney General Dave Yost giving information on the concealed carry licenses issued in 2018.

At 6:50 pm Ron Beverly asked for an executive session to discuss possible litigation and proposed purchase of property, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes

Council returned to open session at 7:30 pm.

The Park Board members asked council to consider a one-day suspension of the “No alcoholic Beverage” rule at the Park for the “Day in the Park.” They would like to look at having a beer truck. They understand it would be for specific hours and a specific area.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.