

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 18th, 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, Ron Jones, and Ron Beverly; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Solicitor Troy Essex was absent.

Minutes from the March 4th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. Baker, Barth, Bassett, Ridgway and Beverly voted yes. Jones abstained.

A list of bills to be paid was presented. Beverly asked Asst. Fire Chief Bruce Hart about a bill from H&W for a "handle." Hart will investigate and get an answer. Ron Beverly then made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. Baker, Beverly, Bassett, Jones and Ridgway voted yes. Barth abstained.

Mark Young and Bob Garza from Two Bandits were present to update council on "Hoptoberfest" planning. Last year 700+ persons attended. He hopes to double that number this year. The date will be October 12th and will be held in conjunction with the Fire Department again. They do not plan to close the street this year. Last year 2 other breweries came - this year he has 6. Two Bandits will have a long tent on the sidewalk so weather will not be a factor. They have spoken with their liquor compliance officer about the plans. There will be live music outside early and inside later. The fun feature from last year will be the "run" with a donut and strip of bacon half-way (one block) and a beer at the end. All proceeds go to charity.

Young would also like council to consider HB47 CED (Community Entertainment District). This would designate an "open container" area with boundaries and time frames. No one could leave the district with an open container without being subject to legal consequences. Two Bandits are for moderation and responsibility. It would become a new revenue source.

Finally, the addition to their building is nearly finished and will be ready for distribution very soon.

Boards & Commissions:

The **Beautification Committee** met February 25th. Minutes are in the packets. Discussions centered on the 2019 Plant Sale, the Farmers Market and miscellaneous projects.

Council Committees:

The **Water/Sewer Committee** met March 14th and meeting minutes were in the packets. They discussed an adjustment for a resident and a proposal from Jones & Henry (for the new well field).

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:

- Miller announced that limb pick-up will end March 29th. If a resident has any after that time, they can bring them to the lot at Elm Street. It is open Monday and Thursday from 1pm-6 pm and Saturday from 9am-1pm.
- On March 19th Jim Gardner, Allen Schooley and Austin Zeedyk will be taking mosquito control class and Mike Bailey will be at the Black Swamp safety meeting. Jessi Elson will be gone March 21st taking contact hour classes.
- March 13th Miller, Chief Denning and Chief Cramer met with a Workers Comp representative for an on-site class. This class finished up the requirements for our rebate program.
- Miller thanked Nelson Hershberger for once again letting the village use his freezers to hold commodities.

Solicitor's Report: (Ordinances read by Mayor Collins)

Second 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.

First reading of **Ordinance 2019-02** by caption only approving the annexation of .883 acres of land from Hicksville Township to the Village of Hicksville on petition by Justin Kuhn 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 Ordinance 2019-02 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

***Police:** Chief Denning reported to council that he had a problem this week with the Humane Society. He was called by the hospital with a report of a woman who was attacked by her cat. He could not leave his scene and had no available officer. He called the Humane Society to come out and pick up the cat. He was told they would not do it. He wanted council to know this situation before they give any money out.*

***Fire/EMS:** Chief Cramer was absent. Asst. Chief Hart had no report.*

***Park Director:** Val Shull was present but had no report. She had some questions earlier about her budget and spoke with Cheryl Smith. She has a better understanding of the budget and the UAN accounts associated with it. Mike Barth and Gary Shull were also present.*

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status Report
- Purchase Order Report
- OAG Notice of Yellow Book Release
- Donation List for all departments
- LGOC Workshop list attended by Kent Miller and Cheryl Smith
- Dept. of Commerce Notice - Liquor Permit Renewal June 1st - opportunity for objections
- Ohio Watchdog article on legislation by State Auditor Keith Faber having to do with transparency. Noted was the paragraph citing a lawsuit against council members discussing government-related issues through text messages. The suit was settled costing the taxpayers more than \$100,000.00. Smith reminded council members all public officials are required to complete training on Ohio's Public Records Act at least once per term. The training is available on-line.

Mayor's Report:

The mayor gave council a copy of the letter she sent to downtown business owners asking them to come to a meeting March 20th at 6 pm in council chambers. The speaker will be Paulette Mills from Poggemeyer Design Group. She has information on a Downtown Program available to individual owners who wish to make improvements to their building. Each building could receive up to \$80,000.00 on a matching (50/50) basis.

The mayor also reminded council and residents that the 2020 Census is ramping up. Everyone should keep in mind the importance of a complete and accurate census. It affects many facets of village life – from receiving grants to qualifying for government programs. She also reported the Census Bureau needs volunteers to conduct the actual census.

At 6:30 pm Ron Beverly asked for an executive session to discuss the proposed purchase of property, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes

Council returned to open session at 7 pm.

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

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Mayor Fiscal Officer