

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 15th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Collins, followed by Councilman Mike Barth with the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll Call was read with the following persons in attendance: Mayor Diane Collins; Council Members Shelia Baker, Mike Barth, Ron Jones, Eric Bassett, Larry Ridgway and Ron Beverly; Administrator Kent Miller; Utility Clerk Dawn Hostetler. Absent were Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith and Solicitor Troy Essex.

Minutes from the March 18th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, second by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Minutes from the April 1st Regular Council Meeting were presented. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, second by Mike Barth. Baker, Barth, Beverly and Ridgway voted yes. Jones and Bassett abstained.

The list of bills to be paid from the March 18th meeting and the April 1st meeting were presented. Bassett questioned park board member Cory Wann on dunk tank rental, made suggestion for future needs. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, second by Ron Jones. Baker, Jones, Bassett, Beverly and Ridgway voted yes. Barth abstained.

Commander Eric Art of Hicksville American Legion Post 223 addressed council on happenings at the Legion. He reminded everyone that the monthly meeting was postponed for one week due to Holy Week. This is the time of year they elect officers and plan for the Annual Memorial Day Parade. He also stated that they were planning the demolition of property at 231 E High. The Legion sent 1 girl to Girls State last year and have 2 attending this year to learn about State and Federal Government. Commander Art stated the biggest problem right now is decline in Legion, Sons and Auxiliary membership. Future projects: 2020 is Post 223 100th Anniversary and working to restart Bingo for fundraising. Mayor Collins thanked the Legion for all they do in the community. Mike Barth asked how people could become members. Art stated those who have served honorably from 12/7/47 to current date could become members, anyone having a relative who served could join the Son's of the American Legion or Auxiliary.

A Notice of Public Hearing was announced to be held in the office of the Zoning Inspector, located at 108 North Main Street on Thursday April 18th starting at 6:00 pm. The Public Hearing is to hear a request to rezone lot 82 pt, and lot 176 pt, located on Oak Street, between Railroad Street and Ogen Street. The lot is presently zoned as M-2 Heavy Industrial. The request is to rezone to R-4 Single Family, Two Family and Multiple Family.

Boards & Commissions:

Mike Barth submitted information on two meetings he attended. 1. Thursday April 4th Kick-off meeting for Defiance County's Active Transportation Plan and 2. Thursday April 11th Policy Committee of the Joint Solid Waste Management District of Defiance, Fulton, Paulding and Williams Counties. Minutes provided.

Cemetery Board met Friday April 12th minutes to follow. Shelia Baker reported the Cemetery clean up went very well this year. Working on new stone for drive.

Council Committees:

Mike Barth WSR Committee Chair presented Committee meeting minutes for April 5th.

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:

Kent supplied Fiscal Officer Smith information from OML regarding new gas tax revenue. The Village could use one more upright freezer due to more frozen commodities being delivered. Contact the Administrators office if someone has one for sale. Eric Bassett stated the need for a Street/Light/Property Committee meeting.

Solicitor's Report: Mayor Collins gave the Solicitors report:

Third and Final 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. Motion to approve by Ron Jones, second Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2019-04** by caption only, authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Hicksville to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required.

Department Heads:

Police: *Mark Denning* reported 353 Calls for Service in March, 234 Cases investigated/worked. Department has had a very busy month with some serious cases. May be some increased expenses due to these cases for travel, warrants, phone bills, etc. Council expressed their thanks for the good job the department is doing.

Fire/EMS: *Scott Cramer* reported the Department training is going well. Chief Cramer stated John Elwood would like to rejoin the Fire department with the understanding that EMS is his primary responsibility. Mayor Collins recommended John Elwood to the Fire Department. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, second by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Fire Fighter 1 training starting August 17th. The department has 2 possibly 4 attending. EMS First Responder class will be starting in June. 5 fire fighters interested in taking class and 2 from outside, cost of class is \$650.00 per person, money in budget to cover along with EMS grant. The EMS has received 2 First Responders applicants: Daniel Polhamus and Arin Polhamus. The mayor recommended them to council. Ron Beverly made a motion to accept them with a good physical, drug screen and background check, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. The department has been out getting driver training hours.

Park Director: *Val Shull* was absent. Park Board President Cory Wann was in attendance. The Mayor thanked Cory for the great time Saturday at the 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Discussion about baseball season and work being done for the June "Day in the Park". Cory then asked if anything had been decided on a dollar amount for the upfront costs of "Day in the Park". \$1000 was stated as a starting figure needed by June 1st. Mayor Collins recommended the Finance committee get with the Fiscal officer to arrange if possible. Larry Ridgeway made a motion to approve a \$1000 Council donation to the Park Board for 1st Annual "Day in the Park" pending Finance Committee and Fiscal Officer approval, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status Report: Ron Jones commented the General fund had improved; Mayor Collins stated we had recently received Property Tax payment.
- Revolving Loan Report: Mayor Collins expressed concern over an unfulfilled Loan/Free Land agreement, would like repayment/returned. This will be given to the Revolving Loan Committee to investigate options.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Collins reminded everyone about the CMH Health Fair April 29-May 4th. Employees with Village Insurance just need to show their card. Ron Jones made a motion to approve basic fee for all other employees, fireman, EMT's and council members, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

The Village hosted the April Chamber meeting at the Rotary Park Pavilion; Lunch was provided by the HVFA, The Mayor thanked Jessi Elson, Water Superintendent, for the program, Chamber members toured the Water Treatment Plant.

Mayor Collins had been approached by Rotary member Susan Mack with ideas for major updates at the Rotary Park Pavilion. Updating kitchen had been discussed at previous council meeting and \$5,000 was budgeted for project. It was noted by the Mayor that Pavilion improvements come from General Fund Capital Projects. Councilman Beverly stated to continue with approved kitchen work and let Rotary do what they wanted. Councilman Mike Barth was unaware of a Rotary discussion and would talk with Rotary.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Ridgeway. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Mayor

Utility Clerk