

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, June 3rd, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Collins. Pastor Steve Evers gave 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, Larry Ridgway, Ron Jones and Ron Beverly; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith and Solicitor Troy Essex. Eric Bassett was absent.

Mayor Collins presented a Proclamation to Dr. Allen Hilbert to commemorate his 100th birthday on June 4th, 2019. She thanked him for his dedication to the village for his entire lifetime. He has served the residents faithfully over the years in his chosen field and has been instrumental in preserving the history and records of the area.

Mick Pocratsky, Defiance County Commissioner and Hicksville native presented a similar Proclamation from Defiance County. He said he asked to do the presentation to thank Dr. Hilbert personally for what he has meant to his hometown, and to him personally.

Dr. Hilbert was accompanied by his daughter-in-law Luci Hilbert and granddaughter Lauri Turnbull.

Minutes from the May 20th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, second by Mike Barth. Baker, Barth, Ridgway and Beverly voted yes. Jones abstained.

The list of bills to be paid was presented. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Shelia Baker. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions:

The **Planning Commission** held a Public Hearing before Council tonight to approve a zoning change at 407 W High Street. Lots 255, 254 pt., 254 pt., 33, 34 pt. and 34 pt. currently A-1 Agricultural and R-2 Single Family will be rezoned as B-1,2 and 3 Business. The request came from Karen Schmidt Ltd. Legislation will follow at the next meeting.

The **Planning Commission** will hold a Public Hearing June 20th to discuss an application for a Lot Split by Marvin and Janis Edwards that would give 0.07 acres, more or less, to Paul Yoder at 321 W. High Street. The meeting will be held at 108 N. Main Street at 6 pm.

Council Committees:

Ron Beverly asked for a meeting of the Ordinance Committee. He wants to discuss amending the grass ordinance to include penalizing mowing grass clippings into the street. Council, Troy Essex and Police Chief Denning have reservations on implementing such an ordinance and enforcing it.

<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 hixcs@defnet.com.</i>
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Administrator's Report: Miller submitted a report to council:

- The State has approved a real estate tax exemption for the parcel created for the library expansion. The Village will receive a 2018/2019 tax refund.
- Jeff Rumble and Austin Zeedyk will be taking classes June 6th and 11th. They will receive contact hours for their licenses. Allen Schooley will cover the plant while they are gone.
- Bryan Excavating began 2 water related digs today. Traffic will be diverted, so everyone should have patience.
- The Street department will be shorthanded due to various projects and vacations in the upcoming weeks.
- Mosquito spraying was done Thursday and will continue on schedule barring weather related issues.
- The soil sampling and other tests on the proposed well field will be delayed until the first week of July due to the weather.
- The overhang across the Adventure Alley parking lot entrance is up. Werlor has used this as a turn-around on their route and now cannot fit. Miller asked Council their thoughts. It was a consensus to leave it up and ask Werlor to find another turn-around. The idea is to keep all trucks off the lot.
- Miller reminded council they may get complaints from some residents/landlords. When they clean out an empty rental and put large quantities of trash out on the curb, the village has to get a dumpster to get rid of it. That cost is then passed along to the

homeowner/landlord. It used to be \$75.00 when the village operated its own truck, but now is \$400.00 plus depending on the size of the load. The smallest dumpster available for one-time use is 10 ft. Troy Essex commented that this may be a deterrent to homeowners piling a lot of trash at the curb and leaving it.

Solicitor’s Report: There was not legislation to present tonight.

Department Heads:

***Police: Chief Denning** reported the department had 536 calls in April, with 260 cases. In May they had 448 calls with 249 cases. He said the Taurus did not get the 2 new tires; it was the white SUV. He reported the number of junk cars has declined substantially.*

***Fire/EMS: Chief Cramer** had no report other than the Fire Dept. Auxiliary will be having a pancake & sausage breakfast at the Day in the Park, at the park, not the Fire Hall.*

***Park Director: Val Shull** was absent. Ron Hard reported the pool has opened.*

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status
 - The Mayor commented that the general fund is very low for this time of the year. She asked Council to consider renewing the levy for Police Pension which would give relief to the general fund.
- May Income Tax Collections Report
- May Utility Collections Report
- Smith asked for a vote on the updated Personnel Manual. After some discussion Ron Jones made a motion to approve the updates, removing the sentence that all overnight travel must be approved by the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Mayor’s Report:

- Mayor Collins gave a written report to council on the meeting May 21st with downtown business owners, Maumee Valley Planning and Poggemeyer Design Group. There are grants available for downtown revitalization. The meeting was to give an overview of the grant parameters. Eight business owners attended.
- Carla Hinkle from the Defiance County CIC is spearheading this years’ Manufacturing Camp for students. Last year it was held in Hicksville and this year it will be held at Fairview.
- Kathy Shaver from Robert Latta’s office will be in Hicksville June 13th from 11 am to 12:30 pm. If you have any questions or concerns for his office, the meeting will be in council chambers.
- Hicksville had 3 track students go to State this year.
- The Chautauqua celebration has moved from Auglaize Village to the Defiance Public Library parking lot due to rain saturated grounds.

Pastor Steve Evers addressed Council. There will be a Church Group coming to Hicksville to hand out DVD’s to residents. He gave copies to Council tonight.

Shelia Baker complimented Mary Wann on organizing the Village-Wide Garage Sale. It was a success, and a lot of hard work for Mrs. Wann.

Ron Beverly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Mayor

Fiscal Officer