

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, July 1st, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Collins. Mike Barth 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, Eric Bassett, Ron Jones and Ron Beverly; Administrator Kent Miller; and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Solicitor Troy Essex was absent.

Minutes from the June 17th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, second by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

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

Greg Slattery, representing St. Michael's Catholic Church, asked Council to vacate the alley on the west side of the church building. They have purchased the Wheeler property for offices and want to avoid having the alley used as a cut-through. Kent Miller advised him the Church needs to have a survey done with a legal description for vacation of the plat. Then the Church makes an official petition to vacate and signs a waiver as owner of property on both sides of the alley. Troy Essex will draw up an Ordinance to be approved by Council. All actions are then recorded with the County. The Church will be responsible for any costs associated with the vacation. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve starting the process, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Miller then reminded Mr. Slattery that the Village needs an easement for access to a sewer stub about half way down the alley.

Boards & Commissions:

The **Park Board** met Monday June 24th and minutes were in the packets.

The **Planning Commission** met June 20th to vote on the Lot Split application at 321 W. High St. They approved the split.

The **HIX TV Board** met June 8th and included minutes in the packets.

Council Committees:

The **Police/Fire Committee** met May 20th and included minutes in the packets. The meeting centered on the 1st 6 months of Police Chief Denning's job.

The **Water/Sewer Committee** met June 27th and included minutes in the packets. Mike Barth reported the committee met at the WWTP for a tour. They will follow-up on the maintenance schedule at the plant. He reminded the committee to keep up with the RCAP seminars available (required by the OEPA). The sewer issue for a property on Spencerville Rd. was discussed.

The **Ordinance Committee** met June 17th to discuss the following issues: (1) truck traffic on Haver Drive (2) amending the grass ordinance to address the blowing of mowed grass into the street (3) a request for a well installation on Meuse Argonne and (4) a problem at the park with weed killer being sprayed near the well field and a kid being pulled around the field sitting on a drag.

<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 written report to council:

- Estimate from Koorsen for installing cameras in the alley next to the municipal building.
- OEPA inspection report on the WWTP.
- RCAP will be here July 17th for an update on the Asset Management Plan.
- Well field testing should begin July 8th, dependent on the weather.
- Asphalt grindings are available to village residents.
- Reminder that the Recycle Lot takes wood from limbs, etc. - not boards or construction material.
- A list of upcoming projects.
- A breakdown of his employees hours and duties so far this year.

Solicitor's Report: No legislation offered. Solicitor was absent.

Department Heads:

***Police: Chief Denning** reported the audio/visual system is down. It failed to record at least 2 depositions. He is having it repaired. Officer Steven Stose has given his notice effective October 4th. He has had carpenter ants at the Police Department and is working with Kent Miller to fix the situation.*

***Fire/EMS: Chief Cramer** was absent. Asst. Chief Bruce Hart asked the mayor to recommend Adam Miller for Fireman and Ashley Lemper to become an EMT. The mayor made the recommendation pending a physical, drug screen and background check. Mike Barth made a motion to approve the mayor’s recommendation, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes. Hart reported the First responder class should be done at the end of August.*

***Park Director: Val Shull** was absent. Park Board President Cory Wann was on hand to make a report on Day in the Park. Everything went well and the day was a success. The only thing that he asks is for more volunteers next year. The hours may change next year as the Fire Department would like to have the breakfast at the Fire Hall. The location in the park was too difficult for some elderly people to navigate. Next year the Rotary Pavilion has been reserved as well.*

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status
- Cash Summary
- June Income Tax and Utility Reports
- May and June Revolving Loan Reports
- Fire/EMS report on # of calls so far in 2019

Mayor’s Report: No report

There was a discussion on how to handle sidewalk problems when a tree root system has pushed the cement up. Who is responsible? This matter will be researched and reported at a later date.

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

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