

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, July 15th, 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, Larry Ridgway, Eric Bassett, Ron Jones and Ron Beverly; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex. Councilman Mike Barth was absent.

Lisa Becher, Small Business Development Consultant for the NW Ohio SBDC, was on hand to let Council and Hicksville residents know about her services. Her office is at the Northwest Community College in Archbold with a territory including the 5 surrounding counties. She will help anyone planning to start a new business to write a Business Plan and will help during the entire process of from conception to funding and everything in between. She has put small business owners in touch with lending institutions or anyone else they may need. Her office is paid by the State of Ohio, so there is no cost to a new business owner. She has given the Mayor brochures and business cards to take to the Hicksville Community Service Center for anyone interested in her help.

Minutes from the July 1st Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, second by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

The list of bills to be paid was presented. The bill for Brown & Sons Electric for the new "Welcome to Hicksville" sign was questioned. It was agreed that it could be paid as long as this amount plus the cost of the sign did not go over the \$3500.00 cap imposed by Council previously. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve the bills with this caveat, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions:

The **Cemetery Board** minutes from July 12th were presented tonight by Shelia Baker. She asked Council to determine who would be responsible for the bill for replacing 70 ft. of sidewalk. They decided it is for the Cemetery Board to maintain.

Council Committees:

There were no Committee minutes submitted.

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 submitted a written report to council:

- CSX is working on the underpass on Meuse Argonne beginning July 29th. ODOT has an alternative truck route in place. Estimated length of closure is 60 days.
- Initial testing for the potential wellfield will begin July 17th, weather permitting.

Solicitor's Report:

First reading of **Ordinance 2019-08** by caption only approving the editing various components of the Codified Ordinances and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2019-08 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

First reading of **Ordinance 2019-09** by caption only amending the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

First reading of **Resolution 2019-07** by caption only authorizing the Revolving Loan Fund Committee to enter into a contract with Stoett Industries and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2019-07 by caption only. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police: *Chief Denning* was absent. Sergeant Doctor reported 524 calls last month with 260 cases. Tyler Maynard will be leaving July 19th to join the Williams County Sheriff's Department.

Fire/EMS: *Chief Cramer* reported all 6 members of the first "First Responder" class have passed the course. They now have to take the National Registry test to be certified.

Park Director: Val Shull reported things are slowing down for the summer.

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- June Mayor’s Court Collections Report
- Letter from Ohio Gas concerning the costs associated with implementation of GIS
- Non-Billed and Unmetered Utility Report for the 1st 6 months of 2019
- 2019 Budget with 1st 6 months activity

At 6 :40 pm, Larry Ridgway made a motion to go to Executive Session to discuss possible employee disciplinary action, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes. Council returned to open session at 7:05 pm.

Mayor’s Report:

The Mayor asked if each Council Member had an objection to either their phone number or email address posted on the website for the public to contact them. It was agreed that email addresses would be acceptable and will be set up.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Mayor

Fiscal Officer