

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, August 5th, 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; Mike Barth and Ron Beverly; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex.

Minutes from the July 15th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, second by Larry Ridgway. Baker, Beverly, Bassett, Jones and Ridgway voted yes. Mike Barth abstained.

The list of bills to be paid was presented. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Eric Bassett. Baker, Beverly, Bassett, Jones and Ridgway voted yes. Mike Barth abstained.

The **Board of Zoning Appeals** gave a **Notice of Public Hearing**. They have an application for a zoning variance from Kevin and Vera Hunt to operate a Bed & Breakfast out of a residence at 118 W. Cornelia St. The meeting will be held in the Zoning Office at 108 N. Main Street on August 7th at 4 pm.

Boards & Commissions:

Minutes from the **CRA Board** meeting held July 17th were submitted.

Minutes from the **Nuisance Board** meeting held July 16th were submitted.

Minutes from the **Park Board** meeting held July 17th were submitted.

Council Committees:

The **Personnel Committee** met July 17th. Minutes were submitted to council. They discussed 4 items: (1) renewing the Solicitor's contract, (2) paying insurance waivers in a tiered structure, (3) making the Assistant Clerk position part-time, and (4) to set up a wage schedule for First Responders. Council votes will be done when legislation is presented.

The **Sidewalk Committee** met July 24th and submitted minutes to council. They are considering 3 options for sidewalk maintenance in the village: (1) leave the Ordinance as it is now, (2) add a \$3.00 per month charge to all residences and the village takes over all sidewalks and (3) the village does all sidewalk repairs by quadrant and passes the cost to the residents involved. Council has asked for public input to voice their opinions.

The **Police & Fire Committee** met July 29th and submitted minutes to council. They discussed the chain of command for complaints with the Police Chief. Chief Denning also spoke with the committee about a disciplinary letter he received from the Mayor. He asked the policy on elective training of officers be amended. Fire Chief Cramer asked them to consider Bruce Silcott's return as an volunteer EMT.

<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>

Administrator's Report: Miller did not submit a written report. He let council know the municipal building has been caulked and painted. The air conditioner will be replaced next week.

Solicitor's Report:

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

First reading of **Ordinance 2019-11** by caption only to amend the grass cutting ordinance and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2019-11 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes.

First reading of **Ordinance 2019-12** by caption only creating new First Responder positions and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2019-12 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Mayor Collins asked Essex to look into the village's options concerning a revolving loan that was approved but the business has not made any move to begin improvements.

Essex will also bring legislation to the next meeting for the sale of property to Haynes Enterprises.

Department Heads:

***Police: Chief Denning** reported 386 calls and 233 cases for July. He is advertising for a replacement officer since Tyler Maynard’s last day was July 21st.*

***Fire/EMS: Chief Cramer** gave council a report on the 1st half of 2019 with number and types of calls. He asked the mayor to recommend Bruce Silcott to return as a volunteer EMT. The Mayor made the recommendation to council. Mike Barth made a motion to accept the mayor’s recommendation, seconded by Larry Ridgway. Bassett, Beverly, Jones, Ridgway and Barth voted yes. Baker voted no.*

***Park Director: Val Shull** was absent. Steph Mazur was present for the Park Board. She reported the pool has a leak again this year. The inspector has given them a date at least 3 weeks out before he can come to check it out.*

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status
- Mayor’s Court and Police Dept. Collections
- Income Tax and Utility Collections
- Invitation to the Back-To-School Breakfast
- Mediacom Franchise Fee Report

Mayor’s Report: The mayor asked council for their permission to fill in the rain garden located at the corner of Main & Arthur. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the mayor’s request, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Mayor Collins reminded everyone Fair Week is almost here. The Senior Building will be opened. Council members can sign up to work the lunch.

Eric Bassett reminded drivers that school begins immediately after fair week so the watch for kids.

Pastor Steve Evers said “Tools for Schools” will collect school supplies at 104 Fountain Street August 13th and 14th. Hickory Creek is having a carnival from 10 to 12.

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

Mayor

Fiscal Officer