

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, September 3rd, 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, 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 August 19th 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 the bills, seconded by Ron Jones. Baker, Beverly, Bassett, Jones and Ridgway voted yes. Mike Barth abstained.

Susan Mack was present representing the Beautification Committee. She wanted to discuss the future of the village lot currently known as the "Rain Garden." She handed out a map drawn up showing future plantings. The Beautification Committee would not be able to keep this garden up using their volunteers. The village would need to contribute time as well. The Committee would like to provide the trees shown using a Defiance Area Foundation grant. It is her opinion that this garden can be developed, but someone will need to be in charge of the master plan, preferably one person, not the Committee.

Kelsey Klepper has taken over as Coordinator of the Farmers Market. This is held Tuesday and Friday at the corner of Main & Smith Streets. The location is property owned by the Church of Christ.

Mike Bailey, Zoning Inspector, was on hand to answer any questions about the current sidewalk situation. He passed out a list of every property he has sent letters to, both first and second notices.

Boards & Commissions:

Minutes from the **Park Board** meeting August 21st were submitted. The main item discussed was a request by the Hicksville Baseball Association (Greg Miller) to waive any fees normally charged for field rental for 10 years for both the boys and girls ball programs. With the exception of Ryan Miser who was absent, all committee members agreed. Council voiced their collective appreciation for all coaches, volunteers and parents hard work but were not in favor of such an across-the-board, long-term agreement. The improvements done were unsolicited by the village. Any agreement for a quid pro quo should have been done before any improvements were made.

Mike Barth made a motion to approve the Park Board's recommendation to waive all fees for 10 years for all ball programs, seconded by Eric Bassett. Beverly, Jones, Baker, Barth and Ridgway voted no. Bassett voted yes.

Ron Beverly made a motion to waive all fees for boys' and girls' programs for 5 years with the exception of the key deposits, seconded by Ron Jones. Baker, Barth, Ridgway and Bassett voted no. Jones and Beverly voted yes.

Minutes from the **Beautification Committee** meeting held August 26th were submitted tonight by Susan Mack.

Council Committees:

The **Ordinance Committee** met August 26th to discuss options for rental property guidelines. It was decided that the current Zoning Ordinances are sufficient, with the Nuisance Board making decisions about properties in disrepair.

The **Insurance Committee** met August 26th and minutes will be available at the next meeting. The discussion was on offering tiered payments to employees who waive enrolling in health insurance offered by the village. Committee Chairman Shelia Baker asked council to approve the following: Tier 1 (single) \$2,000.00 - Tier 2 (employee/children) \$2,500.00 - Tier 3 (employee/spouse) \$3,000.00 - Tier 4 (Family) \$3,500.00. Shelia Baker made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes. The rates will begin in 2020.

The Sidewalk Committee will meet soon to discuss the details of sidewalks that have been dislocated due to tree roots. Who decides if the sidewalk will go around the problem area, leaving the tree intact - or does the tree get cut down - and who pays for what?

Mike Barth asked for a Special Council Meeting to be held September 26th at 4 pm. The topic to be discussed will be the Long-Term Control Plan Phase II and the Asset Management Plan being finalized with RCAP's Roberta Streiffert. She will be in attendance to answer any questions council or the public may have.

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 had no written report. He asked Council if they would like Conrad Beck (VS Beck Insurance) to attend a meeting to answer any questions they have about our liability insurance. They do not feel it is necessary at this time.

He also wanted to let council know that the #3 and #6 meters at the Wastewater Treatment Plant will need to be replaced soon and they will be expensive.

Solicitor's Report:

Second reading of **Resolution 2019-08** by caption only to rehire Troy Essex.

First reading of **Resolution 2019-12** by caption only to assess Streetlight millage and declaring an emergency. Ron Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2019-12 by caption only. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith made a request for a Motion to Accept the Local Government Fund for 2020 in the amount of \$78,044.30 as apportioned by the Defiance County Budget Commission. Larry Ridgway made the motion to accept, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Mayor Collins asked Essex if he has finalized the contract with Haynes Enterprises yet. He will try to have the paperwork at the next meeting. She also asked about 5 Acre Mill who has received a Revolving Loan but has yet to begin construction as agreed upon. He will look into this and report back.

Department Heads:

***Police: Chief Denning** was absent. Sergeant Doctor reported the department had 417 calls in August, with 210 cases.*

***Fire/EMS: Chief Cramer** had no report.*

***Park Director: Val Shull** reported the pool was inspected and the leak was found. The liner had been punctured by the ladder steps. This has been corrected using rubber guards on the feet. The leak at the drain has also been sealed.*

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status.
- List of Revolving Loans as of August 31, 2019

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Collins reminded residents to put their trash in bags before using the totes provided by Werlor. Loose trash can blow out when the tote is lifted into the truck. Also, a reminder that due to the holiday, trash pick up will be a day behind.

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

Mayor

Fiscal Officer