

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, September 16th, 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.

Mayor Collins read a Proclamation announcing September 23rd would be known as Irene Frank Day in honor of her 100th birthday.

Minutes from the August 19th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Shelia Baker. All voted yes.

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

Greg Miller from the Hicksville Baseball Association was present to address council regarding their decision at the last meeting to continue annual payments for field use at the park. He brought the Association's financial report and a list of field improvements made this year. He said he didn't come to the last meeting since he was under the impression the Park Board had the final word. He did not know they have to have Council's approval for any contracts. He also wanted to put to rest the rumor that they charge kids to play ball. They do not. The parents are asked to work in the concession stand and can opt out by paying a fee so the Association can hire people to work. The concession money supports the kids who play ball. The Association asked for money to help rebuild the dugouts but was told no. Mike Barth told him it could be asked for in a new budget, but not in the middle of the year. The mayor asked about why the dugouts needed to be replaced. She was told they were unsafe with bad roofs.

Eric Bassett said he thinks the 10-year waiver is not unreasonable. The park workers have to mow anyway, even when there are no ball games. Troy Essex said the field fees is a very small amount in the budget. Shelia Baker asked about the money that supports the park. She was told it all comes from the General Fund.

Ron Beverly made a motion to waive the fees for 5 years (with the exception of the key deposit) and then the fee structure would be revisited. The motion was seconded by Ron Jones. All voted yes. Greg Miller is agreeable with this plan.

Boards & Commissions:

The Nuisance Board met September 3rd and minutes were in the packets.

The Cemetery Board met August 20th and minutes were in the packets. Mayor Collins thanked Cheryl Miller for her service to the Board as Clerk. She has recently stepped down and was replaced by Robin Bauer. All deed books have been moved to the Hicksville Township Hall.

Council Committees:

The **Insurance Committee** met August 26th and minutes were presented.

The Street/Light/Property/Sidewalk Committee met September 9th. They discussed the 3 options given at the last meeting. They are in favor of #2 which would add \$3.00 per month per residence to the utility bills.

<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 submitted a report to council on current projects. He reminded them that RCAP representatives will be at the Special Council Meeting on the 26th to answer questions and explain the Asset Management Plan mandated by the EPA.

The Ohio Plan proposal for 2020 was included in the packets.

Solicitor's Report:

First reading of **Ordinance 2019-10** by caption only to amend appropriations 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 2019-10 by caption only. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Final reading of **Resolution 2019-08** by caption only to rehire Troy Essex as Solicitor. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Jones. 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.

Essex will look into the Kuhn annexation which has not been finalized at the Records Office.

The Spencerville sewer billing has commenced after Essex sent them a letter explaining they will be responsible for the utility.

The vacant lot given to the village for a park may be sold if certain guidelines are followed. Essex will look into it and let council know exactly what they need to do.

Department Heads:

Police: Chief Denning was absent.

Fire/EMS: Chief Cramer was absent. Asst. Chief Bruce Hart reported 3 more First Responders passed their tests. Chief Cramer has passed his Fire Inspector test as well.

Park Director: Val Shull had no report.

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status.
- August Utility and Income Tax Collections
- August Police Dept. Collections

Mayor's Report:

The Mayor announced Halloween Trick or Treating will be October 26th from 5 to 7 pm. The Halloween Carnival at the Fire Hall will begin at 6 pm.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Mayor

Fiscal Officer