

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, October 21st , 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, Ron Jones; Mike Barth and Ron Beverly; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex. Eric Bassett was absent.

Minutes from the October 7th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded 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, Jones and Ridgway voted yes. Mike Barth abstained.

Boards & Commissions:

The Park Board met October 16th and minutes were presented. The budget has been submitted. The park and pool are in the process of being winterized.

The Cemetery Board met October 11th and minutes were presented. The angel will be removed due to instability. The next meeting will be January 10th, 6 pm, at the Hicksville Township Hall.

Council Committees:

No committees had meetings.

Finance (4:30) and Police/Fire (5 pm) will meet tomorrow.

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 report.

Solicitor's Report:

First reading of **Ordinance 2019-14** by caption only to amend appropriations 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 2019-14 by caption only. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

First reading of **Ordinance 2019-15** by caption only amending water rates.

First reading of **Ordinance 2019-16** by caption only amending refuse rates.

The Solicitor's Report included information on the Haynes Enterprises agreement, Park contracts, sidewalk trees and underspeed vehicles. A complete draft of the report is available from the Fiscal Officer.

Department Heads:

Police: Chief Denning introduced newly hired officer Rosston Becker and his family. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office.

Chief Denning has been researching use of the online policy & procedures for police officers from Lexipol. He will give specifics to the Police/Fire Committee tomorrow.

Fire/EMS: Chief Cramer asked for council to approve the updated EMS Bylaws. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Chief Cramer reminded everyone of the Halloween Carnival to be held Saturday the 16th from 6-8 pm.

Park Director: Val Shull had no report.

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status.
- Proposal for new phone service by Granite.

Mayor's Report:

- The Mayor reported contacting Maumee Valley Planning about the property at the corner of Arthur and N Main given to the village a few years ago. According to them rewriting the warranty deed to remove the conditions would fix the problem and then it could be auctioned or put into the land bank. She asked Troy Essex to look into this possibility.
- The downtown CDBG grant was approved for 3 businesses: the Haver building, Collins & Guilford Financial Management and Bridal Village. The new owners of the Haver Building have dropped out, so the mayor is working to have that grant given to Scott Peters of Palace Pizza.
- There will be a CIC Investor Reception November 13th at 5:30 pm at *the Second Story* in Defiance. If council wishes to attend, let Cheryl know by November 1st so she can RSVP.

At 6:55 pm Ron Jones made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a possible land purchase, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes. Council returned to regular session at 7 pm.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shelia Baker. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer