

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 4th, 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; Eric Bassett and Ron Beverly; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Solicitor Troy Essex was absent.

Minutes from the October 21st Regular Council Meeting were presented. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Shelia Baker. Jones, Beverly, Baker, Barth and Ridgway voted yes. Bassett 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, Jones, Bassett and Ridgway voted yes. Mike Barth abstained.

A Notice of Public Hearing to be held November 21st at 6 pm in the Zoning office at 108 N. Main Street was presented. The discussion will be on an application for a lot split by Bradley Guilford for 232 E. High Street.

Boards & Commissions:

The **CRA Housing Council** met October 24th and minutes were in the packets.

Council Committees:

The **Finance Committee** met October 22nd and minutes were in the packets. They are working on finalizing the 2020 budget.

The **Police & Fire Committee** met October 22nd and minutes were in the packets. They discussed adding Lexipol policies & procedures to the Police Department beginning in 2020.

The **Street/Light & Property Committee** met October 31st. No minutes were available at this time. They had discussed a request for a handicap spot on Maple St near H&W.

<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 had no written report. He did have copies of the agreement with Jones & Henry for the new well-field in the packets. The design & construction will be \$140,911.00 not including any survey or easement. The test well will become the first production well.

Solicitor's Report:

- Second reading of **Ordinance 2019-15** by caption only amending water rates.
- Second reading of **Ordinance 2019-16** by caption only amending refuse rates.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2019-17** by caption only establishing pay rates for 2020.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2019-18** by caption only establishing Annual Appropriations for 2020.
- First reading of **Resolution 2019-13** by caption only authorizing the mayor to enter agreement with Hayne Enterprises for sale of property.
- First reading of **Resolution 2019-14** by caption only to enter agreement with Defiance Co. Commissioners for recovery of indigent defense fees.
- First reading of **Resolution 2019-15** by caption only to enter contract with Jones & Henry for design of the new well-field.

Department Heads:

Police: *Chief Denning asked council to approve the Lexipol contract. He reported the first year (2020) would cost \$2782.00 with the discount provided by the Ohio Plan. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.*

He reported his department had 406 calls last month, resulting in 201 cases.

Denning will be receiving quotes to purchase 8 firearms so all officers will be consistent. If possible, he would like to purchase 10 so the department would have them available in case any of the 8 need to be serviced or have been used in a shooting and need to become evidence. Currently the officers carry their own firearms. He will be trading in the department firearms that were purchased around 2000 for 9mm Glocks.

Denning is still accepting applications for a full-time officer. The applicant he wanted to hire declined the offer.

Fire/EMS: Chief Cramer reported the Christmas for Kids campaign has begun. The barrels for new unwrapped toys are out around town. Applications can be picked up from the Fire Hall or Utility Department until December 9th. They are also available online at the village website (www.villageofhicksville.com). Parents will be notified by mail if their application has been approved, and toys will be handed out December 16th. On behalf of Red Angel (who sold donuts for Christmas for Kids), Cory Wann presented Chief Cramer a check for \$525.00.

Feather Bingo will be Saturday at the Fire Hall – doors open at 4 pm – Bingo begins at 6 pm. Lots of fun, food, raffles, silent auctions and lots of turkeys and hams to be won.

The Purse Raffle will be held April 25th at the Fire Hall. Cramer asked council to vote their approval since there will be alcohol served. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Park Director: Val Shull was absent. Board President Cory Wann was on hand but had no report.

Mark Young and Bob Garza from Two Bandits were on hand to update Council on the 2019 Hoptoberfest and begin plans for the 2020 event. This year was extremely successful. They sold 3400 tickets, went through 41 kegs of beer and had a 2 hour wait for food – even with all 18 employees and 40 volunteers. They also had Lupita's grilling and selling food and they ran out twice. There were 7 breweries and 2 wineries with their wares, and all have committed to return in 2020. There were also 2 bands. A beauty shop participated by buying beer and offering it to their customers. All-Travel was there as well as Amanda Lee Coffee. Hicksville Baked Goods were for sale. The Marigold Inn was 100% occupied. Young & Garza would like all the downtown merchants to become a part of Hoptoberfest. They asked Council to approve closing the street next year so they can put up a tent from their front door to Lupita's. They also want to have it a week earlier on October 3rd, so they don't have a clash with the Fire Department's events. Larry Ridgway wanted to know about clean up and personnel costs barricading the street. Kent Miller replied that the village never billed the Chamber when they held events on the street. Mark Young said there would be nothing to clean up as Two Bandits would be 100% responsible for any of it. John Hart (Red Angel) objected to the street being closed since it would hurt his business. If the village closes the street, he might as well close his doors. Steph Mazur said he should see more business, not less. Eric Bassett said it would be an opportunity to sell his pizza by the slice on the street. Council said nothing goes better with beer than pizza. Mark Young said it should be a win-win for everyone, especially with Two Bandits doing all the heavy lifting. Council will vote at a later date about closing the street. They want any downtown business who objects to have an opportunity to come before council and make their case.

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status.
- October Utility and Income Tax Collections
- October RLF listing
- Letter from Veterans Memorial Committee stating they do not want anything added to the memorial. Council will make an official answer at a later date. No vote was taken tonight.
- List of 3rd quarter liquor licenses issued
- 3rd quarter Mediacom franchise fees

Mayor's Report:

Mike Barth asked about a "rain date" for Trick-or-Treating but agreed it would not really be practical due to so many churches and businesses as well as the Fire Department holding events the same night.

Mayor Collins will hold a Boards & Committees Volunteer Appreciation night November 20th from 6-7:30 pm at Two Bandits. There will be appetizers and drinks for each volunteer and guest. Cards will be sent out next week.

The mayor asked council to approve the following people to Boards and Commissions beginning in 2020. (CRA Housing Council: Clay Keeley and Larry Saunders) (Park Board: Damyon Porter) and the (Zoning Board of Appeals: Stan Stuckey). Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve the mayor's recommendations, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shelia Baker. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.