

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 18th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Collins. Ron Jones 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; and Solicitor Troy Essex.

Minutes from the November 4th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Shelia Baker. Jones, Baker, Barth, Bassett and Ridgway voted yes. Beverly abstained.

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

Dawn Ish was present to address council on behalf of her son Max. He will soon earn the title Eagle Scout and is considering what his project will be. He would like to construct a gazebo for the Village. The site he chose is the lot at the corner of North Main and Arthur. Council is undecided on what they want to do with that land. They did however say another site can be chosen such as at the Park or in the downtown area. Council approved the actual project and congratulated Max on his achievement. Since nothing will begin until February, a site can be fixed at a later date.

Boards & Commissions:

The Hix TV Board met October 12th and meeting minutes were in the packets.

The Nuisance Board met November 11th and included minutes in the packets.

The Beautification Committee met October 28th and brought minutes to the meeting tonight.

Council Committees:

The Street/Light/Property/Sidewalk Committee met October 31st to consider a request for a handicap parking spot at the corner of N Maple and High. After some discussion Ron Beverly made a motion to refuse the request, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. On another topic was signage put up by individual businesses marking parking spaces as "tow away" zones except for their customers. Council said such warnings are not enforceable if the parking spot is on public property. If the spot is on private property, the owner can do as they wish. Another meeting of the committee will be Monday, November 25th at 3:00.

The Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee met November 7th and presented minutes to council. The Defiance Avenue Lift Station project (part of LTCP Phase II) will be moved up since the system is having technical difficulties repeatedly. An advertisement for an engineer will be sent out shortly.

<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>
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Administrator's Report: Miller had no written report.

Solicitor's Report: Essex presented a written report on current issues. He included a report on issues concerning trees in the "tree lawn" area. His written report included the following topics:

- a) The Edgerton Street vacation has been completed.
 - b) Underspeed vehicles will be addressed in future legislation (Ordinance 2019-19)
 - c) Park Board-background check on coaches - meeting in the future with the Board and coaches to discuss
 - d) Council vacancy when Ron Jones is sworn in as Mayor in January. Council will advertise that any resident who wishes to be considered for the position should send a letter of intent to the village and be interviewed by council in open session during December. A vote can be done during the first meeting of January, and the choice can be sworn and seated for that meeting
- Final reading of **Ordinance 2019-15** by caption only amending water rates. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
 - Final reading of **Ordinance 2019-16** by caption only amending refuse rates. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
 - Second reading of **Ordinance 2019-17** by caption only establishing pay rates for 2020.
 - Second reading of **Ordinance 2019-18** by caption only establishing Annual Appropriations for 2020.

- First reading of **Ordinance 2019-19** by caption only amending Section 345.10 regarding use of multi-use vehicles
- Second reading of **Resolution 2019-13** by caption only authorizing the mayor to enter agreement with Hayne Enterprises for sale of property.
- Second reading of **Resolution 2019-14** by caption only to enter agreement with Defiance Co. Commissioners for recovery of indigent defense fees.
- Second reading of **Resolution 2019-15** by caption only to enter contract with Jones & Henry for design of the new well-field.
- First reading of **Resolution 2019-16** by caption only authorizing the Police Chief to dispose of property no longer needed for municipal purposes and declaring an emergency. Ron Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2019-16 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: Mark Denning had no report.

Fire/EMS Chief: Scott Cramer was absent.

Park Director: Val Shull had no report.

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status.
- November Collections from Mayor’s Court and the Police Department
- Letter from the Humane Society asking for a donation for the Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic. Despite Smith’s best efforts, council would not approve putting money in the 2020 budget.

Mayor’s Report:

The mayor reminded council they need to decide about the street closing during 2020 Hoptoberfest. Several downtown business owners were on hand to approve of the event. John Hart of Red Angel Pizza said Ron Beverly reminded him beer goes good with pizza, so he has had a change of heart. He will also have a tent at his end of the street serving pizza along with a beer tap trailer. He said competition is a good thing. Bruce Guilford said although the event doesn’t directly impact his business, it is good for the community. Mike Barth said it does affect senior citizens who want to pick up their prescriptions on Saturday, but as the Pharmacy closes at 1 pm it may not be a significant problem. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the street closure as long as all business owners are accommodated as far as possible during that time. He was seconded by Shelia Baker. All voted yes. The mayor said Kent would figure it out.

At 7:10 pm Eric Bassett made a motion to go into executive session to discuss possible land purchase matters. Council returned to open session at 7:40 pm.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer