

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, December 2nd, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Collins. Pastor 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, Ron Jones; Mike Barth; Eric Bassett and Ron Beverly; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex.

Minutes from the November 18th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett 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 Eric Bassett. Baker, Beverly, Jones, Bassett and Ridgway voted yes. Barth abstained.

Lisa Weaner and Stacy Fedderke from the Fort Defiance Humane Shelter were on hand to clarify 2 issues. They had seen the televised meeting on November 18th and thought Council may have some wrong ideas.

- The first issue was the job description for Officer Fedderke. She is a Humane Agent who investigates animal cruelty, of which unfortunately there had been 192 calls so far this year. She handles these on her own. Her job does not include nuisance animals, stray cats, even if they are injured. The public can bring any cats in, but Officer Fedderke does not pick them up. To have it said she is “not doing her job” is simply untrue.
- The second issue concerned the request for a donation. It was a one-time request and does not pay for shelter pets. It helps defray the costs of the low cost spay/neuter clinic run by the shelter. Quarterly updates have been sent to the village. Through the 3rd quarter nearly 200 cats have been seen, with 15% (22 cats) from the village - not including the township area. These are cats that have been brought into the low cost spay/neuter clinic by their owners. Because the residents are only asked to pay a minimal amount, the balance is covered by the Humane Shelter, who in turn asks for donations from the surrounding villages, cities and townships.
- Resident Bob Fisher told Ms. Weaner since the Council was not in favor of making a payment, he would personally make a donation of \$1500.00.

Boards & Commissions:

The Planning Commission met November 21st and minutes were in the packets. The lot split application for 232 E. High was approved.

The Park Board met November 20th and minutes were in the packets. The Board is discussing future project, funding and other details. Eric Bassett had questions about the Park budget for 2020, specifically the amount in the “Contractual Services” line. He had contacted the Park Director for details.

Council Committees:

The Street/Light/Property/Sidewalk Committee met November 25th and minutes were in the packets. The discussion concerned downtown parking, loading zones and “towing” zones. Ron Jones made a motion to make no changes other than to ask Subway to remove the unenforceable sign on the front of their building, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

The Finance Committee met November 26th and minutes were in the packets. The Committee met with Police Chief Denning to discuss several issues and whether they could be paid this year or with the 2020 budget. After prioritizing the costs, the difference in the 2020 budget was negligible and the total was left alone.

<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 presented a written report to Council. He also gave them a letter from the EPA reporting a “Resolution of Violation” for the Wastewater Treatment plant was in the packets. Miller reported leaf pick up will end soon.

Solicitor's Report:

- Final reading of **Ordinance 2019-17** by caption only establishing pay rates for 2020. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
- Final reading of **Ordinance 2019-18** by caption only establishing Annual Appropriations for 2020. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

- Second reading of **Ordinance 2019-19** by caption only amending Section 345.10 regarding use of multi-use vehicles
- Final reading of **Resolution 2019-13** by caption only authorizing the mayor to enter agreement with Hayne Enterprises for sale of property. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.
- Final reading of **Resolution 2019-14** by caption only to enter agreement with Defiance Co. Commissioners for recovery of indigent defense fees. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.
- Final reading of **Resolution 2019-15** by caption only to enter contract with Jones & Henry for design of the new well-field. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: Mark Denning made a Public Service Announcement. 5 cars have been stolen this month, all with the keys left in them. Please take your keys with you when you leave your car. It was a very busy week including a structure fire with suspected arson.

Fire/EMS Chief: Scott Cramer was absent. Asst. Chief Bruce Hart had no report.

Park Director: Val Shull had no report.

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status.
- Letter from Community Action outlining grants received by their agency.
- Notice from Mediacom stating lineup changes and rate increases.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Collins reminded residents to come out for the Christmas Cruise Thru, the Christmas Parade and to come to the Huber Opera House for their programs during the holidays. Community Memorial Hospital is having a Cookie Walk also.

Mike Barth had a Hicksville Christmas Ornament which will be on sale by the Chamber of Commerce. It depicts the Veterans Memorial and can be purchased for \$10.00.

At 6:45 pm Ron Beverly made a motion to go into executive session to discuss possible personnel discipline, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Council returned to open session at 7:05 pm.

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