

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, December 16th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Collins. Pastor Evers gave the invocation. Mayor Collins thanked Pastor Evers for his attendance throughout her term.

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 December 2nd 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 Ron Jones. Baker, Beverly, Jones, Bassett and Ridgway voted yes. Barth abstained.

Greg Slattery from St. Michael's Catholic Church was in attendance to present council with the survey and paperwork requested for vacation of the alley next to the church. He gave the items to Troy Essex to complete the legal paperwork involved.

Boards & Commissions:

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

The HIX TV Board entered minutes from the November 9th and December 14th meetings tonight.

Council Committees:

The Police/Fire/EMS Committee met December 5th and minutes were in the packets.

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 presented a written report to Council.

- Leaf collection ended with 76 loads picked up.
- Winter hours have started at the Recycle Lot: Thursday 1pm to 6 pm and Saturday 9 am to 1 pm.
- Trash service the week of Christmas will be Thursday the 26th.
- The Police Department's hanging furnace has arrived and will be installed shortly. The issue of a generator is still being studied. More information is required to find the proper size for the job it needs to do.
- The recent chlorine leak was minor and has been rectified. A new chlorine detector has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it gets here. The leak was minor with no injuries, no danger to the public and no disruption of the normal amount of chlorine into the water. The OEPA report will show a violation since the chlorine detector problem happened as he and Jessi were inspecting the plant. By the time the official letter comes any violation will be remedied.
- Jessi Randall (Water Superintendent) was present to answer any questions council may have. She had been to an area meeting with the EPA and RCAP concerning Asset Management and was surprised and proud to learn that Hicksville was the only entity that has their Plan completed. Some have not even started. She also reminded council they must complete EPA mandated training in order to qualify for any EPA funding in the future. If 50% of the council does not have the courses completed it is an automatic denial of funds. RCAP offers many classes online free-of-charge. (Kent Miller gave council members a copy of the list of courses)

Solicitor's Report:

- Final reading of **Ordinance 2019-19** by caption only amending Section 345.10 regarding use of multi-use vehicles. Ron Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- Essex will bring the contract with Haynes Enterprises as soon as he has it so it can be signed.

Department Heads:

***Police Chief: Mark Denning** thanked the Fire Department for providing his officers with 3 new AED’s. He reported all 3 cruisers are running again.*

***Fire/EMS Chief: Scott Cramer** was absent. Asst. Chief Bruce Hart reported 8 AED’s have been received, and 3 were given to the Police Department. In order to better serve the community in scenarios like the recent chlorine leak, 4 Hicksville Volunteer Firemen will begin training to become HazMat Responders for Defiance County. The Defiance County EMA will equip the new techs since they will be available for the entire county. Christmas for Kids served 89 families, with 189 children getting gifts. He thanked Tylene Cramer as she did a lot of the work.*

***Park Director: Val Shull** was absent.*

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status.
- November Collections: Utilities, Income Tax, Revolving Loans and Mayor’s Court

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Collins congratulated the employees who received longevity bonuses this year. They were: **10 years** – HIX TV Director Bill Murphy; **5 years** – Police Officers Garrett Franz and Zach Miller; Firemen - Caleb Savage and Cody Royer; EMS – Cody Royer.

She reminded everyone of the meeting Wednesday, Dec. 18th when applicants for council will be interviewed.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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