

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, January 6th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Jones. 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 Ron Jones; Council Members Larry Ridgway, Mike Barth and Ron Beverly; Administrator Kent Miller and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; Solicitor Troy Essex was absent.

Mayor Jones administered the Oath of Office to reelected Councilman Eric Bassett. The Mayor then swore in Taylor Klepper for his first term as Councilman.

Mayor Jones then explained the nominating process and election of a person to fill his council seat. He thanked the 4 people who applied formally and were interviewed December 18th, 2019. He also reminded everyone that the nominating process was open to any name, not just those four.

The floor was then opened for nominations to fill the seat vacated when Ron Jones became Mayor. Ron Beverly nominated Shelia Baker and Eric Bassett nominated Cory Wann. Nominations were closed and a roll call vote was taken. Barth, Bassett, Ridgway and Klepper voted for Cory Wann and Beverly voted for Shelia Baker. Cory Wann was elected.

Mayor Jones asked for nominations to elect the 2020 Council President. Eric Bassett nominated Mike Barth, seconded by Larry Ridgway. No other names were put forth. Roll call vote taken with Bassett, Ridgway, Beverly, Wann and Klepper voting to approve Mike Barth as Council President.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve the amended agenda (Ordinance 2020-01 added), seconded by Mike Barth. Barth, Bassett, Ridgway, Wann and Klepper voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Minutes from the December 16th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. Barth, Beverly, Bassett, Ridgway, Wann voted yes. Klepper abstained.

The list of bills to be paid was presented. There was a short question and answer session, then Bassett made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Larry Ridgway. Baker, Jones, Bassett and Ridgway voted yes. Beverly voted no and Barth abstained.

Greg Miller from the Hicksville Baseball Association was present to address Council concerning their decision to require background checks for all coaching staff. As Taylor Klepper pointed out, this is not something council needs to approve since the association is a separate entity from the village. Ron Beverly thought Council should at least give their blessing and made a motion to approve the HBBA's requirement, seconded by Mike Barth. Bassett, Barth, Beverly, Ridgway and Wann voted yes. Klepper abstained.

Boards & Commissions: No boards met

Council Committees: No committees met

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 year-end report to Council. Highlights are: (Complete report available from the Administrator's office)

- Christmas trees will still be picked - no lights or decorations
- New Werlor Recycle Schedule available online or at the Utility office
- Life Station problems are still being caused by flushing things that should NOT be flushed
- List of upcoming projects and timelines
- 4th quarter breakdown of employee hours

Solicitor's Report:

- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-01** by caption only to amend the 2020 appropriations and declaring an emergency. Mike Barth made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final reading of

Ordinance 2020-01 by caption only. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

- First reading of **Resolution 2020-01** by caption only to authorize the establishment of a Downtown Design Review Board and Adopt Design Standards and declaring an emergency. Legislation was tabled until Council can ask questions of the Solicitor.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: Mark Denning reported he has an estimate of \$3500.00 to climate-control the evidence room. He also has a estimate for a generator but needs more information before a final decision can be made. He will ask an electrician to meet with him to discuss details. He also reported the new handguns have been received and distributed.

Fire/EMS Chief: Scott Cramer had written reports for both the Fire and EMS departments for the end of the year. He told council 4 firefighters still plan to attend hazmat classes to become techs. Larry Ridgway and Ron Beverly will continue to serve on the Firefighter Dependent's Fund Board for 2020. Representatives from the Fire Department will be named next week.

Park Director: Val Shull had no report.

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status.
- December Collections: Mayor's Court, Utilities and Income Tax
- 2019 Permit List
- Public Officials Training Lists/Dates

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Jones gave out his preliminary Committee List as well as Boards and Commissions. It will be finalized as soon as possible.

At 6:45 Eric Bassett made a motion to go into executive session for possible land acquisition, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

Council returned to open session at 7:00.

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

Mayor

Fiscal Officer