

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday, January 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Jones. Pastor Jack Teeple 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, Eric Bassett, Taylor Klepper, Cory Wann, Mike Barth and Ron Beverly; Administrator Kent Miller, Solicitor Troy Essex and Utility Clerk Dawn Hostetler. Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith was absent.

Minutes from the January 6th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.

The list of bills to be paid was presented. There was a short question and answer session. Ron Beverly then made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Mayor Jones read a Proclamation declaring the month of January "School Board Recognition Month" in Hicksville, Ohio.

**Boards & Commissions:**

Nuisance board met January 7<sup>th</sup> - minutes were in the packets.

Next meeting scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

**Council Committees:**

Personnel Committee met January 9<sup>th</sup> - minutes were in the packets.

Administrator Kent Miller requested open discussion regarding timetable for his retirement along with hiring and training replacement. Miller recommends 1 full year of training, some of which would be part time for Miller. Search for replacement could start July or August 2020. Ron Beverly made a motion to accept Administrator Miller's recommendation, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Police & Fire Committee met January 9<sup>th</sup> - minutes were in the packets.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to go into executive session after Mayors Report, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

*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](mailto:hixcs@defnet.com).*

**Administrator's Report:** Miller presented a written report to Council. Highlights are:

(Complete report available from the Administrator's office)

- WSR committee to meet January 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss SOQ's for lift station engineer
- Meeting with Mayor, Water Superintendent and Jones & Henry was held on January 15<sup>th</sup> to start well field development process.
- Discussed latest OEPA Violation, deals only with reporting issues not water quality.

**Solicitor's Report:**

- 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.

Questions regarding Resolution 2020-01. Solicitor Essex will investigate prior to second reading at the next Council meeting.

Reported all is moving forward with the well field land purchase.

He will contact Haynes Enterprises to finalize contract.

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief: Mark Denning** reported 4967 calls for service in 2019. Department investigated 2737. Estimate of \$8900 to climate-control the evidence room and rest of "L" shape (total 3 rooms) area as requested by council. Meeting is set with electrician Darren Brown to discuss Generator needs.

**Fire/EMS Chief: Scott Cramer** No report

***Park Director: Val Shull** Requested approval of new park board members. Mayor Jones recommended as School Representatives Andrew Lawrence and Laura Wofford. Motion to accept by Ron Beverly, second by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. The Mayor then recommended Lindsey Thiel as an at-large member. Cory Wann made a motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.*

**Fiscal Officer Report:** The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status.
- List of Real Estate Taxes due

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Jones shared the "2020 Defiance County Demolition Program" information. Deadline for applications is March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Defiance County Veterans Breakfast January 21<sup>st</sup> at Kingsbury Place

Councilman Mike Barth invited the community to the Annual Rotary Pancake and Sausage supper Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> 4:00-6:00 pm. prior to the HHS Aces boys' basketball game vs. Crestview. Proceeds benefit the Student Scholarship Fund.

At 6:50 Council went into executive session to discuss personnel issues

Council returned to open session at 7:25 pm.

Mayor Jones recommended Officer Chris Taylor for hire as a Patrolman I with 1-week vacation at start and 2 weeks after first year pending physical. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, second by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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Mayor

Senior Utility Clerk