

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Jones. Pastor Steve Eyers 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, Mike Barth and Ron Beverly; Administrator Kent Miller, Solicitor Troy Essex and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Councilman Cory Wann was absent.

Minutes from the January 20<sup>th</sup> 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. There was a short question and answer session. Beverly asked about the invoice for the ambulance repairs. Chief Cramer will get a copy for him. Klepper asked about the Werlor contractual payment. Utility Clerk Dawn Hostetler explained the process. Ron Beverly then made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Mayor Jones read a Proclamation declaring the month of February "Career and Technical Education Month" to honor Four County Career Center.

A second Proclamation was entered designating February 5<sup>th</sup> as "Hicksville Historical Society Day" to recognize 45 years of existence. Current Board members Mary Smith and Jan Heffelfinger were in attendance to receive the honor. Dianne Grimm was unable to attend.

Maxwell Ish, from Scout Troop 216 was on hand to discuss his Eagle Scout project. He wants to construct a gazebo for the Village. He needs Council's go-ahead before he can begin the design and planning portion of the project. Ron Beverly wanted to know if it would be permanent or on skids. Mike Barth thought the corner of N Main and Arthur was not a good choice due to the no parking spaces issue. The park might be the better option. After much discussion Mr. Ish was asked if he could go ahead without a specific location. He was not sure. Taylor Klepper made a motion to approve the building of a pavilion on village property, seconded by Ron Beverly. Beverly, Klepper, Barth and Ridgway voted yes. Bassett voted no.

**Boards & Commissions:**

The Beautification Committee met but has presented no minutes.

**Council Committees:**

The Water/Sewer Committee met January 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss upcoming projects, including the Defiance Avenue Lift Station.

*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 did not have a written report tonight. He did have a copy of a letter from the Ohio EPA concerning the approval of a well site for Artesian of Pioneer.

**Solicitor's Report:**

- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-02** by caption only to amend the annual appropriations and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-02 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-03** by caption only to authorize the Fiscal Officer to transfer funds and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-03 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.
- The reading of **Resolution 2020-01** by caption only to authorize the establishment of a Downtown Design Review Board and Adopt Design Standards was not

completed. Ron Beverly made a motion to table the Resolution until the Solicitor made some changes to the wording. He was seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.

- Essex Reported all is moving forward with the well field land purchase.
- He will contact Haynes Enterprises to finalize that contract.

**Department Heads:**

***Police Chief: Mark Denning** reported Chris Taylor will go from part-time to full-time on February 26<sup>th</sup>. He reminded the Solicitor to bring legislation to approve the move. We now have 8 full-time officers.*

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

***Park Director: Val Shull** was represented by the newest Board member, Andrew Lawrence. He reported the Board is busy making plans for 2020 as well as the future. They discussed the ball associations, hiring lifeguards and park workers, the "Day In The Park", repairs going on at the pool and much more.*

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

- Fund Status.
- Hicksville Union Cemetery 2019 Financial Report and 2020 Budget.
- List of Revolving Loan Balances.
- Mediacom Franchise fee statement for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019.
- January Income Tax and Utility Collection Reports.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Jones and Administrator Kent Miller attended a meeting with the Commissioners. They learned about a program available to homeowners in Defiance and Paulding counties called "CHIP" or Community Housing Impact & Preservation. The program helps residents who qualify make structural and/or infrastructural repairs to their homes. Information can be found on the Village of Hicksville website or from Maumee Valley Planning.

Residents were reminded to remove their trash bins from the curb by 7 pm on pick-up day.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer