

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, February 17th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Minutes from the February 4th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Cory Wann made a motion to approve, subject to amended paragraph describing Eagle Scout Project by Maxwell Ish, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

The list of bills to be paid was presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Larry Ridgway. Beverly, Ridgway, Klepper, Wann and Bassett voted yes. Barth abstained.

Boards & Commissions:

The **Nuisance Board** met February 4th to discuss several properties in the village. Minutes from the meeting were included in the packets. Mayor Jones expressed his appreciation for the work this Board does.

Council Committees:

The **Personnel Committee** met February 5th to discuss the process of Kent Miller's eventual retirement.

The **Finance Committee** met February 5th to discuss funding and prioritizing upcoming projects. Minutes were presented to council.

The **Police/Fire Committee** met February 10th to discuss the need for a replacement for Ambulance #510. It is a 1986 model and has required several expensive repairs lately.

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 did not have a written report tonight.

Solicitor's Report:

- First reading of rewritten **Resolution 2020-01** by caption only to authorize the establishment of a Downtown Design Review Board and Adopt Design Standards 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 Resolution 2020-01 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2020-02** by caption only authorizing certain benefits for Christopher Taylor as Patrolman for the Village and declaring an emergency. Larry Ridgway made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2020-02 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
- Essex reported all is moving forward with the well field land purchase. He is waiting for the title company to make some corrections to the legal description. He will follow up with them tomorrow.
- He will contact Haynes Enterprises to finalize that contract.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: Mark Denning had no report. He was asked about the "no front license plate" and said don't throw your plate away just yet.

Fire/EMS Chief: Scott Cramer reported 4 firefighters have passed their courses and became designated as Firefighter I. They are Tyler Blair, Sam Sell, Austin Henderson, and Ethan Hathaway.

There will be a pancake breakfast March 14th at the fire hall from 7 am to 11 am.

Park Director: Val Shull has been advertising for park workers and lifeguards for the 2020 season, Applications can be picked up at the Municipal Building.

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status.
- Mayor's Court and Police Department Collections Reports
- OML letter asking municipalities to be aware of the bill being discussed in Columbus - concerns workers comp for fire/police/ems employees who suffer from job related PTSD - the newest version is without any limitations or time frame.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Jones read a "thank you" from Mary Smith for the Proclamation he read at the last meeting.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer