

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 2nd, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Jones. Pastor Steve Eicher 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 17th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.

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

Ty Perrault, the new owner of the El Grande Trailer Park, was present to address council and to answer any questions they may have. He is from California and will be on site possibly 3 times a year. He is expecting to have dumpsters delivered for a spring clean-up. He is instituting rules which he has discussed with Chief Denning. Council welcomed him to Hicksville and wished him success on this venture.

Boards & Commissions:

The **Park Board** met February 19th. Minutes from the meeting were included in the packets. They have advertised for lifeguards and park workers.

Council Committees:

The **Water/Sewer Committee** met February 17th to discuss railroad easement options. The Committee will meet Wednesday will engineers to discuss the defiance Avenue Lift Station. The engineering will begin in 2020 and construction in 2021.

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 included a written report in the packets.

The Recycle Lot at Elm Street is open regular hours beginning March 2nd.

Residents are reminded to take their trash cans in by 7 p.m. the day of pick-up. If left out it becomes a violation that could cause the household to be ticketed. A message to address this can be printed on the utility bill and website.

The new backhoe has been delivered and will be invoiced shortly. It was obtained through State Purchasing with a 37% discount.

Miller asked council their opinion on replacing the signs (parking hours) on the new trash cans he is purchasing. The signs are ignored and the violations are not addressed. Signs are costly - should he replace them or not? After some discussion it was decided to keep the signs as a deterrent to residents/shop owners who violate the 3-hour parking rule. Larry Ridgway also brought up the fact that people are parking along Edgerton Street even though it is posted "no parking." The Police Department was asked to enforce violations. Illegal parking hampers street sweeping and snow removal.

Solicitor's Report:

- First reading of **Resolution 2020-03** by caption only to accept One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding 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 2020-03 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. We have a extension on our contract with the sellers. Jones & Henry Engineers will begin fieldwork Tuesday per Kent Miller.
- He has been in contact with Haynes Enterprises to finalize that contract.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: Mark Denning reported 680 calls in January & February resulting in 352 cases. The department will begin addressing the junk vehicle issue in the spring.

Fire/EMS Chief: Scott Cramer reminded council of the pancake breakfast March 14th at the fire hall from 7 to 11 am.

- *Three firefighters will be taking training in Angola Saturday.*
- *Tickets for the Purse Drawing April 25th are on sale (\$35)*
- *The door opener for the EMS bay must be replaced. The cost will be \$1200.00-\$1500.00*
- *Chief Cramer introduced the 4 firefighters who recently became certified as Firefighter I. The Mayor administered the Firefighter Oath to Tyler Blair, Samantha Sell, Austin Henderson, and Ethan Hathaway.*

Park Director: Val Shull absent.

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status.
- Liquor Control Notice - St. Michael's Catholic Church
- Current Revolving Loan List
- February Utility and Income Tax Collections Report
- Census information - Mike Bailey is our liaison
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Mayor's Report:

Mayor Jones will be attending a meeting at the EMA Building to receive information on Defiance County's preparation in the event of a Coronavirus epidemic locally.

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

Mayor

Fiscal Officer