

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, August 3rd, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Council met in Council Chambers - Governor DeWine's "Responsible Restart Ohio" guidelines were in effect. Everyone was asked to wear face coverings or sit where social distancing could be observed.

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

Minutes from the August 3rd 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. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions: No meetings were held.

Council Committees:

The Police/Fire Committee met July 22nd. No minutes were submitted.

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:

- The Smith Street paving/curb project began today.
- Reminder: antenna situation needs to be dealt with sooner rather than later.
- Someone ran into the Park fence along N. Main Street. Insurance has been notified.
- The wellfield boring agreement has been signed and returned to CSX. Jones & Henry will submit the waterline and electrical plans to the State for review soon.
- Tom Henry has finished the survey for the annexed property behind Haver Drive. Troy Essex will take it from here.
- Once the contract books for the W. High/Chicago project have been received and signed, a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled.
- Miller will be taking online classes for BWC rebate programs. He will complete these in the evening or early mornings to do without interruptions.
- Upcoming projects and a timeline were discussed. Miller gave Council a copy of the RCAP Funding scenarios.

Solicitor's Report:

- Ordinance 2020-06 and 2020-07** continue to be tabled until the language is changed.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-10** by caption only editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of various components codes of the Codified Ordinances, providing adoption and publication of new matter, repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict, and declaring an emergency. Larry Ridgway made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-10 by caption only. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Cory Wann. All voted yes.
 - First reading of **Ordinance 2020-11** by caption only vacating an alley running north and south from West High Street between Lots 30 and 249 of the Auditor's Plat and Lots 1-8 in Simmons Addition. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-11 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
 - First reading of **Resolution 2020-19** by caption only regarding the expenditure of funds from the Coronavirus Relief Distribution Funds and declaring an emergency. Taylor Klepper made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Cory Wann. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2020-19 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: Mark Denning reported in 2019 the department had 2976 calls with 1704 cases. In 2020 the department has had 2766 calls with 1406 cases. The officers have been limiting contact due to the COVID19 issue. He also reported continued problems with the MARCS radios. Taylor Klepper asked if could provide a report showing a general breakdown of cases they deal with.

Fire/EMS Chief: Scott Cramer reported pump testing is being done as well as new valves in the tower truck. On the EMS side, Drew Wort has moved from part-time EMT to volunteer only. Kara Hart has also left the department. There are 2 certified EMTs who have applied to the want ad. Hannah Kirkman is a Basic EMT and Austin Thomas is an Advanced EMT. The mayor recommended them to Council to replace Wort and Hart. Larry Ridgway made a motion to accept their employment dependent upon good physicals, drug screens and background checks, seconded by Cory Wann. All voted yes. Chief Cramer also reported a new EMT class will begin mid-September in Williams County if anyone is interested. We have one applicant now. The new cot has arrived and is installed. The Rescue Squad has made 3 transfers as of this date.

Park Director: Val Shull was absent.

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status
- 2nd Quarter Report from Mediacom
- Copy of "Sidewalk and Right-of-Way License, Maintenance and Indemnification Agreement" for Two Bandits
- Smith reminded Council members they are required to complete RCAP classes in order for the Village to qualify for certain grants and low interest loans. Call WTP Superintendent Jessi Randall for specifics.

Mayor's Report:

The Mayor reported he has conference calls weekly with the Defiance County Health Department. He also serves on a Task Force dealing with COVID-19. Our county moved from red back to orange. Age range for those infected is 1 year to 97 years. There have been 61 males and 68 females, with 4 deaths. The mayor reminded residents their best defense is to wear their mask when they have to go out.

Census reporting is ongoing. Nationally 62.8% residents have filled out their form, with 67.1% in Ohio, and 68.8% in Hicksville.

Cory Wann asked if there is an Ordinance dealing with house numbers. Are they required, and is there a consequence if you don't have them? Troy Essex will look into it. Ron Beverly said he thought we did have one.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer