

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 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, Ron Beverly, and Cory Wann; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex. Councilman Eric Bassett was late due to prior meeting. (He arrived at 6:05.) Councilman Mike Barth was absent.

Minutes from the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Cory Wann. All voted yes.

The list of bills to be paid was presented. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Cory Wann. All voted yes.

**Boards & Commissions:** No meetings were held.

**Council Committees:**

The Water/Sewer Committee met August 12<sup>th</sup> - Minutes presented tonight.

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:**

A written report was submitted in the packets. Miller reported the storm cleanup had employees working to chip limbs and pick up debris. WWTP Superintendent Jeff Ruple is on light duty due to a workers comp shoulder surgery. A pre-construction meeting for the W. High water/sewer projects will be August 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in council chambers. Miller thanked Nelson Hershberger for allowing the village to store commodities once again. Mayor Jones thanked the employees for their hard work.

**Solicitor's Report:**

- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-06** (amended) by caption only adopting Chapter 925 setting rules for disposal of oil and grease in the sewer system.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-07** by caption only adopting Chapter 924 setting rules and regulations regarding sewer usage in the village.
- Cory Wann (Ordinance Committee Chair) asked Essex to review other village's ordinances regarding house numbers and draft an ordinance for Hicksville that would require all buildings to have numbers.
- Essex will draft a letter to address the encroachment by Haver Drive residents onto the platted land (Demuth Drive).

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** Mark Denning reported the department's statistics as requested by Taylor Klepper. It was broken down by type of call.

**Fire/EMS Chief:** Scott Cramer reported Captain Michael Tomecek retired after 22 years with the department. The Mayor thanked him for his service. He also announced the Fire Department has received 3 grants: \$377,000.00 for a new pumper and 2 others totaling \$195,000.00 for equipment. Ron Beverly asked the Chief what he planned to do with the old ambulance. Cramer said he had not decided yet.

**Park Director:** Val Shull reported the pool is closed for the year. Attendance was up from last year. She said she will attend the next meeting of the Defiance County Metropolitan Park Board to ask permission to dispose of the playground equipment on their property.

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

- Fund Status
- July Income Tax and Utility Collections Reports
- Mayor's Court and Police Department Reports
- Letter from Mediacom - in negotiations with the NFL channel to renew contract or drop the channel
- Current Coronavirus Statistics

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Jones reported Defiance County has returned to "yellow." There have been 18 new cases.

At 6:24 pm Ron Beverly asked for an executive session to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Taylor Klepper. Council returned to regular session at 7:05 pm.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer