

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, September 21st, 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, Eric Bassett, Michael Barth Ron Beverly, and Cory Wann; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex.

Minutes from the September 8th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett 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 Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions:

- **The Board of Zoning Appeals** will hold a meeting October 8th in Council Chambers at 6 pm to hear application for a Lot Size variance on Old Mill Road.
- **The Planning Commission** will hold a meeting October 8th in Council Chambers at 6 pm to hear an application to Rezone 4 lots on Old Mill Road from Business to Residential. They will also hear an application for a Lot Split on Old Mill Road that would make 4 lots into 8 lots.
- **The Park Board** met September 16th - minutes in packets

Council Committees:

No committees met during this time.

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 letters for the Haver Drive residents with encroachments will go out with a change to the time limit. Instead of "the end of the year" it will say "60 days". One residence has a variance.

Solicitor's Report:

- Final reading of **Ordinance 2020-06** (amended) by caption only adopting Chapter 922 setting rules for disposal of oil and grease in the sewer system. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
- Final reading of **Ordinance 2020-07** by caption only adopting Chapter 924 setting rules and regulations regarding sewer usage in the village. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-13** by caption only approving annexation of 1.000 acres from Hicksville Township to the Village and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Second and final readings of Ordinance 2020-13 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-14** by caption only approving annexation of 2.080 acres from Hicksville Township to the Village and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Second and final readings of Ordinance 2020-13 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-15** by caption only authorizing the Mayor to submit an annexation petition to the Defiance County Commissioners for annexation of land for a new wellfield. Larry Ridgway made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final readings of Ordinance 2020-15 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: Mark Denning reported the MARCS radios still have problems. Having a tower closer to the Village would help. It would need to be on state-owned land.

Fire/EMS Chief: Scott Cramer reminded everyone the breakfast and 5Krun will be held October 10th. The purse raffle postponed earlier will be held October 14th. Bids will soon be accepted for purchasing items listed in the grant award.

Park Director: Val Shull was absent.

Fiscal Officer Report: The current Fund Status report was in the packets. Smith asked Council to approve flu shots and the Community Memorial Health Fair for employees. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Jones reported that (1) Defiance Country is "Orange" and everyone should wear their masks. (2) The Census is ongoing with the national average of response 70%, Defiance County 70.3% and Hicksville 71.6%. (3) The Commissioners have grant funds available for businesses whose profits have been hit by the virus. (4) He attended a meeting with Jan Heffelfinger from the Hicksville Historical Society. She needs volunteers who are interested in Hicksville's history to join the Board. If anyone is interested, contact Jan or the Mayor.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer