

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, October 19th, 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. 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, Taylor Klepper, Mike Barth, Eric Bassett, Ron Beverly, and Cory Wann; Administrator Kent Miller; Sr. Utility Clerk Dawn Hostetler; and Solicitor Troy Essex. Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith was absent.

Minutes from the October 5th 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 Taylor Klepper. Beverly, Ridgway, Wann, Klepper and Bassett voted yes, Barth abstained.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING November 2nd – Zoning Change Request from Business to Residential

Boards & Commissions:

Nuisance Board met October 6th- minutes in the packets
Planning & Zoning met October 8th- minutes in packets
Hix TV Board met September 19th- minutes in packets

Council Committees:

- Finance Committee will schedule a meeting after Audit has been completed

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:

- No report.
- Eric Bassett asked about completion of N. Main St. via-duct by CSX. Kent had no update.
- The Street crew has hauled 11 loads of leaves to date.

Solicitor's Report:

- Second reading of **Ordinance 2020-16** by caption only granting consent for Director of ODOT to apply, maintain and repair pavement markings, and to erect regulatory and warning signs on State Highways
- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-17** by caption only adopting Chapter 1315 of the Codified Ordinances regarding placement of house and building numbers.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-18** by caption only adding two Employee Holidays

Department Heads:

Police Chief: Mark Denning reported the generator has been ordered and it is gas powered. Ron Beverly stated, per his understanding, OSHA regulations prohibit gas generators from being stored inside buildings. Chief Denning and Chief Cramer will check on these regulations and report back to council. Bid for 2 new cruisers at 2020 pricing was obtained using Covid-19 funding, a P.O. has been sent to the State. The department reported 398 calls for service in September.

Fire/EMS Chief: Scott Cramer shared that bid opening for a tanker and air packs/compressor was held prior to the council meeting. There was 1 bid for a Tanker and 2 bids each for the air packs and compressors. He will study the bids and get back with Solicitor Essex and Council. He expressed his thanks to the community for their support of the HVFDA Breakfast and HVFD 5K Run/Walk. Chief Cramer also stated the fire department has openings. If interested, applications are available at the fire station and the municipal offices.

Park Director: Val Shull reported the McDonalds playground equipment has been removed. Councilman Wann stated he adjusted the park surveillance cameras to a higher resolution which made the quality of the video much better. He feels discussion on cost for new cameras can be tabled at this time. Councilman Beverly asked about the changes at the little league diamonds, stating he was absent from the meeting when council gave approval for the work. He is concerned about the asphalt that was torn out and the plans for new concrete and the elevation changes. He wanted to know who was doing the project and who from council was overseeing the changes. Councilman Bassett stated these were the concerns Administrator Miller has expressed in the past. Mayor Jones said Justin Kuhn had approached Council for their approval on the renovations, speaking on behalf of the Hicksville Little League Baseball Association. Mayor Jones will contact Kuhn for more information.

Fiscal Officer Report: Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith was absent

The current Fund Status report was in the packets. Utility Clerk Dawn Hostetler gave all Council members New Ethics material to review.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Jones informed Council of the 2020 CIC Investor Reception invitation.

The mayor has contacted Bender Communications regarding the new HPD radio problems that have been ongoing. Chief Denning acknowledged that they had been in touch with him and the problem seemed to be with the "repeater". A representative will be coming to spend time with the HPD. Fire Chief Cramer stated the Fire Department does not have a "repeater" and has not experienced the same issue. Denning also stated he has talked with other county departments and it appears the problem is at the west end of the County.

The Mayor continued to urge residents to wear masks, hand wash and practice social distancing, as Covid-19 pandemic numbers have risen in the County.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Mayor

Sr. Utility Clerk