

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 2nd, 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; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Minutes from the October 19th 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 Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

PUBLIC HEARING of Zoning Change on Old Mill Rd from Commercial to Residential. There were no comments.

Mike Brown from American Legion Post 223 was present to speak about the upcoming Veterans' Day celebration. He said the parade was cancelled due to the Coronavirus. There will be a ceremony at the Memorial on Wednesday, November 11th at 4 pm. There will be a guest speaker. All attendees will be required to wear a mask and observe social distancing. A drive-up donut sale will be held on November 14th at the Legion Hall from 8 am until sold out. They will be \$5.00 a dozen and there will be a pre-sale. Proceeds will go towards the building fund. They hope to replace the upstairs windows. In the Spring there will be a grand opening of the new parking lot. No date was set yet.

Erika Willitzer from the Defiance County CIC introduced herself to council. She will be replacing Jerry Hayes as Director on January 2nd, 2021. He is retiring after 21 years with the organization. She was impressed with Hicksville's industry during a tour she took with Mayor Jones and Council President Barth. There will be a business meeting with the mayor and council to be scheduled in early January 2021 to discuss the future.

Darren Brown from Brown and Sons Electric addressed the generator project with council. He would like approval to install a permanent generator instead of a portable one. The cost will be \$14,500.00, which is only about \$4,000.00 more than the original quote. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve the permanent project, seconded by Cory Wann. All voted yes. He is working with Phil Shiple who will be installing the climate control features in the evidence room area. When these projects are completed, he will begin the wiring at the Park, weather permitting.

Boards & Commissions:

The Park Board met October 21st and submitted minutes were in the packets.

Council Committees:

The Finance Committee met October 26th and 29th to discuss 2021 budgets. Attending were Committee members Eric Bassett, Taylor Klepper, and Mike Barth; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Police Chief Mark Denning. Park Director Val Shull had a telephone conversation with the committee chairman Eric Bassett since she was unable to attend.

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:

- A written report was in the packets.
- The lining on W. High St. is done. The open-cut work will begin in mid-November.
- CSX is supposed to be done with the N. Main St. viaduct by late November.
- The guys have sucked 38 loads of leaves. Last date will be December 4th.

Solicitor's Report:

- Final 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. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

- Second reading of **Ordinance 2020-17** by caption only adopting Chapter 1315 of the Codified Ordinances regarding placement of house and building numbers.
- Second reading of **Ordinance 2020-18** by caption only adding two Employee Holidays
- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-20** by caption only amending the appropriations to add the balance of CARES funds and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-20. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning asked Mayor Jones to recommend Rosston Becker be promoted from Patrolman II to Patrolman I. He has completed his first year satisfactorily with the department. The mayor asked council to approve his recommendation. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve the promotion, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.*

Chief Denning then asked the mayor to recommend Chris Taylor be removed from probationary status. The mayor asked council to approve his recommendation. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Cory Wann. All voted yes. Chief Denning reported 440 calls for the month.

Fire/EMS Chief: *Scott Cramer was absent.*

Park Director: *Val Shull was absent.*

Fiscal Officer Report: The packets included the current Fund Status report, the Utility and Income Tax Collections Reports and the quarterly Mediacom franchise fee report.

Mayor's Report:

Ron Hard is retiring from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Jones thanked him for his service. He then recommended council approve his appointment of Mike Headley as a replacement. Mike Barth made a motion to approve the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Eric Bassett. Bassett, Barth, Ridgway, Wann, and Klepper voted yes. Beverly voted no.

The Mayor reminded residents to wear masks, hand wash and practice social distancing, as Defiance County is now "Red" as are 38 counties out of 88 in Ohio. Please limit your activities and follow all Health Department orders.

In person voting is tomorrow at the Empower Church on Hicksville-Edgerton Rd. (Meuse Argonne) from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm.

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

Mayor

Fiscal Officer