

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, November 19th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Council met using "Go To Meeting" due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Information to join the meeting was published on the website: www.villageofhicksville.com.

Note: The meeting scheduled for November 16th was postponed until the 19th due to lack of quorum.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Jones. He then 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 November 2nd Regular Council Meeting were presented. Mike Barth made a motion to approve with a correction to the roll call listed in the minutes. (Taylor Klepper was absent.) His motion was seconded by Larry Ridgway. Bassett, Beverly, Barth, Wann and Ridgway voted to approve; Klepper abstained.

The list of bills to be paid was presented. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Eric Bassett. Bassett, Beverly, Wann, Ridgway and Klepper voted yes. Barth abstained.

A letter from Paul King was presented to Council. He had been scheduled to address Council on the 16th but could not attend on the 19th due to a prior engagement. He wanted Council to be aware of a planned gathering in the park called "Carols in the Park" December 6th at 6 pm.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. The Hicksville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing December 3rd at 6 pm in council chambers. The application is to rezone 936 East High Street from commercial to residential.

Boards & Commissions:

The HIX TV Board met October 10th and submitted minutes were in the packets.

Council Committees:

The Water/Sewer Committee met November 4th - minutes were in the packets.

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 guys have sucked 84 loads of leaves. Last date will be December 4th.
- Christmas decorations downtown will be installed soon.

Solicitor's Report:

- Final reading of **Ordinance 2020-17** by caption only adopting Chapter 1315 of the Codified Ordinances regarding placement of house and building numbers. Klepper asked who enforces this ordinance. Essex answered it will be under the supervision of the Administrator or his designee. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.
- Final reading of **Ordinance 2020-18** by caption only adding two Employee Holidays. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Cory Wann. All voted yes.
- Second reading of **Ordinance 2020-19** by caption only - Annual Appropriations
- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-21** by caption only to amend appropriations and declaring an emergency. Larry Ridgway made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-21 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-22** by caption only to amend the Flood Damage Reduction Program.
- First reading of **Resolution 2020-26** by caption only to establish an Agency Fund for Unclaimed Monies and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Cory Wann. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2020-26 by caption only. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2020-27** by caption only to enter contract with Breathing Air Systems for the purchase of an Air Compressor and declaring an

emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2020-27 by caption only. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.

- First reading of **Resolution 2020-28** by caption only to enter contract with Fire Safety Services for the purchase of Air Packs and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2020-28 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Cory Wann. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2020-29** by caption only to enter contract with Rosenbauer South Dakota LLC for the purchase of a Rosenbauer Tanker and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2020-29 by caption only. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Cory Wann. All voted yes.

Solicitor Essex warned the council to be aware of liability issues that may arise from gatherings, especially at the Park or Pavilion. There needs to be a waiver signed that residents are aware of and agree to abide by current rules set out by the Governor and the Department of Health.

Department Heads:

***Police Chief:** Mark Denning reported the slab has been poured for the new generator which is expected to be installed December 10th. He reminded residents of a 10 pm curfew.*

***Fire/EMS Chief:** Scott Cramer thanked everyone for the success of the recent "Boot Drive." He said Santa would be at the Fire Station on Saturday for pictures. The EMS has received their Lucas Device and will have training Monday, November 23rd at 7 pm. Police & Fire Committee Chairman Bassett asked Chief Cramer to call him to set up a meeting time to discuss the budget.*

***Park Director:** Val Shull reported the new door has been installed. Council Liaison Wann said the December meeting is cancelled. They will meet as usual in January.*

Fiscal Officer Report: The packets included the current Fund Status report, the Mayor's Court Report, the RLF Report, the current Coronavirus Relief Expenditures, and the unofficial 2021 Estimated Resources.

Mayor's Report: The mayor reminded residents to wear their masks and practice social distancing. We are in a serious situation due to COVID 19 with Defiance County being "Red". All meetings will be virtual until further notice. All municipal buildings will be closed as well. If residents need to meet face to face, they can call and make an appointment with the appropriate personnel. Phone numbers are posted on the doors of the municipal building as well as online.

Mike Barth made a motion to go into executive session at 6:42 to discuss personnel issues and possible litigation. Council returned to regular session at 6:55 pm.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer