

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Council met using "GoToMeeting" due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Information to join the meeting was published on the website: [www.villageofhicksville.com](http://www.villageofhicksville.com).

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.

Mike Barth made a motion to approve the amended Agenda. A "Notice of Public Hearing" was added. The motion was seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Minutes from the November 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Ron Beverly made a motion seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Two lists of bills to be paid were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. The Hicksville Planning Commission will hold a virtual public hearing December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm using GoToMeeting. The application is to rezone 936 East High Street from commercial to residential. The link and phone number for the meeting will be on the website.

**Boards & Commissions:**

The **CRA Housing Council** met November 18<sup>th</sup> and submitted minutes were in the packets. Four (4) applications were heard and approved.

The **Planning Commission** met December 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss an application to rezone 936 East High Street from commercial to residential. The Public Hearing for December 21<sup>st</sup> was announced tonight.

**Council Committees:**

The **Finance Committee** met with Chief Cramer on November 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss his 2021 budget.

*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 in the packets.
- Miller asked council to close the recycle lot during January and February and they agreed.
- The pre-application for the CDBG grant (\$500,000.00) has passed. If it is granted to the village it will be used for the new wellfield.
- The West High Street project has begun and will take several months to complete. Residents need to prepare for a long-term traffic adjustment.

**Solicitor's Report:**

- Final reading of **Ordinance 2020-19** by caption only - Annual Appropriations. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
- Second reading of **Ordinance 2020-22** by caption only to amend the Flood Damage Reduction Program.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-23** by caption only to amend appropriations 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 Ordinance 2020-23 by caption only. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2020-30** by caption only accepting the final plat of Old Mill Road Subdivision and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2020-30 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** Mark Denning had Jerry Zimmerman in his office to show samples of signage available for \$10.00 each which show support for our local police officers. Ron Beverly asked to table the subject until council members can come out to the police department and look at the signs in person.

Chief Denning asked about additional signage due to semis driving into the village and taking side streets due to the detour. He will contact FWT (Sabre) about instructing drivers to make a left turn out of the plant instead in turning right and going into town using High Street. He would like additional signs erected. He cannot issue citations unless the proper signs are up. Kent Miller said he is in contact with ODOT and Hohenbrink contractors about the problem. Troy Essex cautioned the Chief about any additional signs. They must be uniform code using standard language. They cannot be modified by the village.

The generator has been delivered.

The officer out due to quarantine has returned to work.

**Fire/EMS Chief:** Scott Cramer reported the new tanker is "in the works."

**Park Director:** Val Shull had no report. The Park has been closed down for the year.

**Fiscal Officer Report:** The packets included the current Fund Status report, the November Income Tax and Utility Collections Reports, the Mayor's Court Report, and a letter from Mediacom with upcoming changes.

**Mayor's Report:** The mayor reminded residents to wear their masks and practice social distancing. We are still "Red". 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.

The mayor received an email from Jamie Gerken from the Health Department. She said complaints about employees or shoppers not wearing masks are now addressed by the State of Ohio. To report violations, please call 1-833-427-5634.

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

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer