

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday February 16th, 2021 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.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Jones. Pastor Steve Eyers followed with 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, Mike Barth, Eric Bassett, Cory Wann, and Ron Beverly; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex. Councilman Taylor Klepper arrived late.

Minutes from the February 1st Regular Council Meeting were presented. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All present voted yes.

A list of bills to be paid was presented. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Cory Wann. Ridgway, Wann, Bassett, Beverly voted yes, Barth abstained.

Councilman Klepper arrived at 6:15.

Boards & Commissions:

The HIX TV Board met January 16th - minutes were included in the packets. 2021 elections were held. Tony Welly is President, Amy Murphy is Vice President, Bill Murphy is Secretary, and Cheryl Smith is Financial Officer.

Council Committees:

The Water/Sewer Committee met February 8th to discuss the letters sent last year to Haver Drive residents having construction in the easement behind their properties. For those who have not responded, the committee asked Troy Essex to draft a second request letter.

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:

- Kent Miller submitted a written report included in the packets.
- He reports that the OEPA has not approved our NPDES permit as it is still under review.
- We have a BWC claim from an injury occurring February 10th.
- There have been 4 applicants for the WWTP position. They will be interviewed soon.
- Ron Beverly asked - when the W. High / Chicago construction moves into the Chicago Avenue area, can the contractor reopen W. High? Beverly has spoken with business owners from the area. Miller said he has discussed this with the contractor. W. High will not be safe for traffic due to the condition of the pavement and the liability issue makes opening early a "no" from the contractor and administrator.

Solicitor's Report:

No report or legislation

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning stated the department was able to do a "live" test of the new generator when the power went off for a short time. Everything worked perfectly.*

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

Park Director: *Val Shull reported the monthly Park Board meeting will be held tomorrow.*

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted to Council:

Fund Status Report
Fund Summary Report (Revenue and Expenditures)
Ohio Gas and AEP spreadsheets showing breakdown of January usage
Mediacom 4th Quarter Franchise Fee Report
January Mayor's Court Report

Mayor's Report:

The mayor urged citizens and business owners to take the Sidewalk Ordinance seriously. He read a portion - citizens are to clear their sidewalks of snow/ice within 24 hours of a storm. Not only is the property owner responsible if someone is injured, but failure to do so is a minor misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$150.00. Citations can be given out by the Zoning Inspector or the Police Department. Hicksville Solicitor Troy Essex said he would

draw up the complaint to be served on the property owner. The mayor asked everyone who can to help their neighbors out, especially if they are elderly.

Cory Wann said he has had residents ask him about the sidewalks around McDonald's corner. They have not been cleared.

Ron Beverly said he once cleared the sidewalk from Marathon to the school. He asked if the village employees could do it. He was told that was opening a "can of worms." The village is not responsible for maintaining private property. There are only 2 street employees to keep the village streets scraped and salted.

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

Mayor

Fiscal Officer