

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday March 15th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Council met in Council Chambers. Masks and Social Distancing were mandatory.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Jones. Pastor Steve Evers 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, Taylor Klepper; and Ron Beverly; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex.

Minutes from the March 1st Regular Council Meeting were presented. Cory Wann made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

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

Boards & Commissions:

The Park Board met March 11th. Minutes are in the packets. Specifics of the requirement for coaches' background checks were discussed with the ball association representatives.

Council Committees:

The Water/Sewer Committee met March 10th. They did a walk-through of the easement behind the back row of Haver Drive. They would like to extend the easement so a swale can be constructed. Details will need to be discussed at full council.

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 submitted. Larry Ridgway asked Miller how long Ohio Gas will be working on West High. He said about a week. Hohenbrink can't hook in until Ohio Gas is done.

Miller asked that the Street/Light/Property/Sidewalk Committee meet to discuss the roofing repair/replacement at the Police Department, Municipal Building and the Village Garage. Beverly asked if he had an idea of the cost. Miller replied that a replacement would be "over the threshold" and he didn't want to make any numbers public in case they have to go to bid.

Solicitor's Report:

First reading of **Ordinance 2021-05** by caption only to approve the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as part of the codified ordinances and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-05 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2021-03** by caption only to appoint Ron Jones and Mike Bailey to serve on the Defiance County Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Cory Wann. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2021-03 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning had no report. He said the new cruisers will be here on the 17th.*

Fire/EMS Chief: *Scott Cramer reported the chassis has been ordered for the new fire truck (purchased with the FEMA grant). No word on when it will be done yet. The updated ISO rating has not been received yet.*

Park Director: *Val Shull asked the mayor to recommend 1 new lifeguard: Kennedy Villena. He made the recommendation stipulating a physical and certification. Mike Barth made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.*

Lindsey Thiel spoke to council about the background checks. They will be set up this week and the link will be on the Village's website. Coaches can sign in, pay a \$10.00 fee, and a report will be generated within 24 hours. The report will have no details but will have a "pass/fail" message. Val Shull (Park Director) will have the results on a daily basis. The deadline for this year is March 25th (unless there is an additional coach or substitution during the season.) Ms. Thiel would like the approved coaches and everyone on the Association Board to wear a lanyard/card showing they have a satisfactory background

check. She was upset that the Park Board was not able to get copies of the financial statements of the leagues. Solicitor Troy Essex told her we cannot mandate they turn them over. The only connection to the Village is that we own the Park. They are private entities allowed to play there by way of a contract with the Village. They have to police themselves.

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

- Fund Status Report
- Fund Summary Report (Revenue and Expenditures)
- February Income Tax and Utility Collection Reports
- February Mayor's Court and Police Department Collections Reports
- The Health Fair held annually at Community Memorial Hospital will be during the week of April 12-17. Smith asked council to approve paying employee' cost to attend. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

At 6:45 Mike Barth made a motion to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

Council returned to regular session at 7:10 pm.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Jones told council that whatever they decide about the swale, he wants the land put up for sale. A discussion on the exact procedure was next. Does the village hire an auctioneer or ask Maumee Valley to handle it? Mayor Jones said he just wants to see it done.

The mayor then reminded everyone it was one year ago (March 20th) that the COVID 19 Pandemic started. Defiance County may be downgraded to orange in the next few days. Please wear your mask and get your vaccine when you can.

Ron Beverly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer