

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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

The Joint Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Jones, followed by 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 Eric Bassett; Larry Ridgway; Mike Barth; Taylor Klepper; Ron Beverly; and Charlie Martin; Administrator Kent Miller; Incoming Administrator Cory Wann; and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex.

Minutes from the May 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

A list of bills to be paid was presented. Taylor Klepper made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. Bassett, Ridgway, Klepper, Beverly and Martin voted yes. Barth abstained.

Erika Willitzer from Defiance County Economic Development was present to ask for Council approval of a CRA agreement with Blessed Capital LLC. The remodeling project is approximately \$95,000.00 and the tax exemption will be for 7 years at 75%. Approval has been given from the School District and 4-County. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Taylor Klepper. Bassett, Barth, Ridgway, Beverly, Klepper voted yes. Martin abstained.

**Boards & Commissions:**

**The Board of Zoning Appeals** met May 20<sup>th</sup> and minutes were in the packets. The sign variances were passed.

**The Park Board** met May 19<sup>th</sup> and minutes were in the packets. Bassett asked if the HBBA has given the Mayor a list of offenses that would bar someone from coaching. He said they have not.

**The Nuisance Board** will meet June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in council chambers.

**Council Committees:**

**The Water/Sewer Committee** met May 24<sup>th</sup> and minutes were in the packets. The discussion included the possibility of adding Gordon Creek to the Village sewer system in conjunction with the County. They also discussed a possible swale behind Haver Drive. Committee members do not agree on this project due to the property being sold soon and the cost being prohibitive. Jeff Rumpel asked for a new pump for the Defiance Avenue Lift Station. Mike Barth has asked RCAP about doing a rate study on sewer fees.

**The Ordinance Committee** met to discuss the amount charged residents for mowing nuisance properties. They recommend making it \$150.00 for every hour. Solicitor Essex will bring legislation to the next meeting.

Martin was asked to have a meeting of the Ordinance Committee to look at the current rules for road cuts. They need to be updated and add a time limit for finishing the job.

**The Personnel Committee** is meeting June 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 in council chambers.

*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). All meetings are shown on YouTube.*

**Administrator's Report:** Cory Wann presented a written report. Hohenbrink will begin the High Street water-line replacement soon. Proudfoot Engineering in finalizing the LTCP Addendum paperwork. Wann has begun handing out copies of the Oil & Grease Ordinance to businesses. A discussion of the "trench" near the Catholic Church - can it be paved? Miller responded that we are already about \$70,000.00 over the original paving estimate. ODOT is supposed to pave all State Highways through town beginning in 2022. He also reported the mandatory archeological study has begun with \$3,000.00 to clear the wellfield and another \$7,000.00 for the study itself.

**Solicitor's Report:**

- Final reading of **Resolution 2021-07** by caption only authorizing the sale of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit personal property including by internet auction for the calendar year 2021. Taylor Klepper made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2021-08** by caption only authorizing the mayor to enter into a grant application on behalf of the Fire Department and declaring an

emergency. Larry Ridgway made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2021-08 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

- Note: The Haynes deed will be ready this week.

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** *Mark Denning is on sick leave. Sergeant Doctor reported in May the department had 400 calls resulting in 205 cases. Ridgway asked if the temporary MARCS tower made an improvement. Doctor said it seemed to.*

**Fire/EMS Chief:** *Scott Cramer reported the last grant was for a new compressor and was about \$50,000.00. The next grant application will be for hoses and will be about \$75,000.00. The Department pays 10%.*

**Park Director:** *Val Shull reported the pool has opened and has been packed every day. Ridgway asked if the water fountains were on, and they are. Barth asked if the Director was ok with the handicap parking spots. Beverly said golf carts need to stop parking in the spots and park on the grass.*

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

- Fund Status Report / Fund Summary Report (Revenue and Expenditures)
- May Income Tax and Utility Collections Reports
- May Revolving Loan Report
- May Mayor's Court Report
- SMTA Franchise Fee Report
- Notice to Legislative Authorities (Casa Grande Renewal of Liquor Permit)
- Mediacom Letter - dropping a channel

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor ones had the following:

- The Huber Concert Series will run from June through August beginning June 24<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9pm.
- The Wann Family did a great job on the Village-Wide Garage Sale.
- The Memorial Day Parade had a very nice turnout. The speaker was Sergeant Doctor from our Police Department.
- The Farmers' Market is every Saturday from 9 to noon at the corner of Main & Smith. The person to contact is Kelsey Klepper.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> is "Day In The Park".

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

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer