

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, July 6th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Council met in Council Chambers. If not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Jones, Rick Belton 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 Eric Bassett; Larry Ridgway; Mike Barth; Ron Beverly; and Charlie Martin; Administrator Kent Miller; Incoming Administrator Cory Wann; and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex. Councilman Taylor Klepper came late (6:10).

Minutes from the June 21st 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. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Hicksville Bank President Greg Smitley was present to talk about the history of the Hicksville Bank and what it had to offer today. He had handouts for Council as well as a current Balance Sheet and list of types of accounts available.

Boards & Commissions:

No meetings were held.

Council Committees:

No meetings were held.

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. All meetings are shown on YouTube.

Administrator's Report: There was no written report.

- Wann reported the Archeological Survey was completed. We are waiting on the State to approve the findings before progressing with the wellfield construction.
- The downtown trashcans have arrived and have been installed. The old ones were moved to the park.
- Mike Barth, Kent Miller, Cory Wann and Cheryl Smith met with Roberta Streiffert from RCAP to talk about upcoming projects and possible scenarios concerning sewer rates.
- A preliminary meeting between Ron Beverly, Kent Miller, Cory Wann and Keith Countryman was held June 29th (minutes were in the packets). They discussed forming a committee chosen by both the village and the school to look into a new "Safe Routes to School" project.

Solicitor's Report:

- First reading of **Ordinance 2021-09** by caption to amend the appropriations for the FEMA grant money and declaring an emergency. Mike Barth made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2021-09 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2021-09** by caption to rehire Troy Essex for two years as Solicitor.
- Essex is working on legislation to expand the drainage easement behind Haver Drive. He needs clarification from Tom Henry on the exact measurements on the survey.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Sergeant Doctor was present and reported 391 calls in June.*

Fire/EMS Chief: *Scott Cramer was absent. No report given.*

Park Director: *Val Shull was absent. No report given.*

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

- Fund Status Report / Fund Summary Report (Revenue and Expenditures)
- June Income Tax and Utility Collections Reports

- Smith will be working with Bob Arend on a new phone system for the next year's budget.
- Smith also reported the new Federal funds allotted to the Village are approximately \$359,000.00.

Mayor's Report: Mayor ones had the following:

- The Summer Concert Series (Thursday the 15th, on the Huber patio) will be sponsored by the Klepper Building Company.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer