

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, July 19th, 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, 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; Ron Beverly; Taylor Klepper; and Charlie Martin; Administrator Cory Wann; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex. Councilman Eric Bassett was absent.

Brok Coburn from Werlor was on hand to speak with Council about the Recycling schedule. He would like to go back to the original contract with pick up of ½ the Village at a time instead of the entire Village on the same day. He said the residents were so successful at recycling it was making 12-hour days for the drivers and multiple trips back and forth from Defiance to empty the trucks. Council had no objection. Mr. Coburn will contact Dawn Hostetler and finalize how the residents will be notified. The new schedules will begin in September.

Minutes from the July 6th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve as written, 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 Taylor Klepper. Beverly, Klepper, Martin and Ridgway voted yes. Barth abstained.

A **Notice of Public Hearing** was announced. It will be held August 5th at 6 pm in the Zoning Office at 108 N Main Street to discuss a lot split at 330 Meuse Argonne.

Boards & Commissions:

No meetings were held.

Taylor Klepper presented notes and a drawing showing an expansion of the ball fields. He has been told that the Village may have to come up with \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 for the project. He was told that is not in the 2021 budget, it would need to be requested for next year. The Hicksville Baseball Association would like to complete the project this year so the field would be ready in the Spring. Water Superintendent Jessi Randall was present and told Council that the current plan was not advisable due to the proximity to the current well field. The Committee will visit the site in person with Randall. This proposal was put on hold until specifics are decided, or a Plan B was formed.

Mayor Jones recommended Mike Villena be named to the Park Board. Larry Ridgway made a motion to accept the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

Council Committees:

The **Street/Light/Property/Sidewalk Committee** met July 6th and minutes were in the packets. The committee met with Bruce Guilford and the discussion concerned the proposed sale of the property behind Haver Drive.

The **Police/Fire/EMS Committee** met July 14th and minutes were in the packets. They met to interview Cierra Moran as a replacement for Officer Chris Taylor. Mayor Jones made a recommendation to approve hiring Ms. Moran. Ron Beverly made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

The **Ordinance Committee** is working on updating the Ordinance having to do with road cuts and curbs.

Mike Barth, Ron Beverly and Kent Miller met with the Defiance County Commissioners on July 14th in Defiance. Brad Fritch (Defiance County Wastewater Director) was also in attendance. They talked about Gordon Creek. Beverly asked if Commissioner Pocratsky has been door-to-door with the residents. Mr. Pocratsky said he had not - there is not enough information yet. Barth said the Village charges for sewer based on water usage. Beverly recommended putting meters on the customers' private wells. They also discussed a proposed communications tower in the Village. Commissioner Pocratsky reiterated they are waiting for final guidance from the American Rescue Plan Act to be sure any proposed project qualifies. Mike Barth brought a copy of the meeting minutes and handed them out tonight.

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: Wann reported API has received their final payment for the Smith Street paving project. The West High water line tie in was Monday, July 12th and went smoothly. The downtown curbing and village crosswalks are due to be painted, but Sherwin Williams cannot supply the paint at this time. Mosquito spraying was done on Wednesday.

Wann asked Council to approve taking Lucas Brown off probation early and moving him from Laborer IV to Laborer III. Kent Miller concurred. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Solicitor's Report:

- First reading of **Ordinance 2021-10** by caption only to authorize the Fiscal Officer to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Capital Project Fund and the Police Pension Fund and declaring an emergency. Mike Barth made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes. Second and final readings of Ordinance 2021-10 by caption only. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
- Second reading of **Resolution 2021-09** by caption to rehire Troy Essex for two years as Solicitor.
- First reading of **Resolution 2021-10** by caption only to authorize the Village of Hicksville to sell approximately 20 acres of Real Estate in the Clearview Extension No.1 behind Haver Drive and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes. Second and final readings of Resolution 2021-10 by caption only. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2021-11** by caption only for the Village of Hicksville to enter a contract with Bruce Guilford Auctioneering to sell approximately 20 acres of Real Estate in the Clearview Extension No.1 and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes. Second and final readings of Resolution 2021-11 by caption only. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2021-12** by caption only to approve and ratify the execution of a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with Blessed Capital LLC and declaring an emergency. Larry Ridgway made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth only. Second and final readings of Resolution 2021-12 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2021-13** by caption only to authorize the establishment of a Special Revenue Fund for the deposit of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and declaring an emergency. Charlie Martin made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes. Second and final readings of Resolution 2021-13 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.
- 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 had no report.*

Fire/EMS Chief: *Scott Cramer was present and had no report.*

Park Director: *Val Shull was present and reported the pool has another leak. It will be looked at within the next week.*

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

- Fund Status Report / Fund Summary Report (Revenue and Expenditures)
- June Mayor's Court Report
- June Revolving Loan Status Report

Mayor's Report: No report submitted.

Ron Beverly made a motion to go into Executive Session for possible litigation (land purchase) as well as a personnel discipline issue, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Council retired at 7:06 pm.

Council returned to regular session at 7:45 pm.

No further discussion was heard.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer