

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, September 20th, 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 Acting Mayor Eric Bassett; followed by the invocation given by Pastor Steve Eyers; and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was read with the following persons in attendance: Acting Mayor Eric Bassett; Council Members Larry Ridgway; Ron Beverly; Taylor Klepper; and Charlie Martin; Administrator Cory Wann; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex. Mayor Ron Jones and Councilman Mike Barth were absent.

Minutes from the September 7th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

A list of bills to be paid was presented. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions:

No Boards or Commissions met during this time frame.

Council Committees:

The **Police & Fire Committee** met September 15th and minutes were submitted tonight. They discussed personnel and financial issues facing the Squads today and in the future. Scheduling was an issue with EMT's unable to agree on how to cover 24/7.

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 submitted a written report covering the following topics:

- The Wellfield Project will begin advertising for bids September 28th with bid opening to be October 25th.
- The Street department removed 2 trees on High Street in anticipation of that property being torn down. They are also preparing for leaf season. Still waiting for a quote from Loop Asphalt for paving jobs.
- The Wastewater department is waiting for parts to fix the grit pump which is currently non-functional. Lighting at the plant needs to be fixed or replaced. Note: Council would like Wann to wait until after the Energy Audit is done. Ron Beverly said the plant appears to be going downhill. Having 2 working lights out of 28 is a problem. He heard that the breakdown of the pump was due to poor maintenance and being completely out of oil. He suggested Wann "ride someone like a bucking bronco" until the situation changes. Is there any maintenance schedule at all?
- At the Water plant an isolation valve is not working. It will not shut completely off. Still waiting for an estimate to replace.

Solicitor's Report:

- Final reading of **Ordinance 2021-12** by caption only amending Section 921.01 of the Codified Ordinances regarding curb and road excavation. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.
- Second Reading of **Ordinance 2021-13** by caption only to amend Section 921.03 of the Sewer Ordinance.
- Final reading of **Resolution 2021-18** by caption only to enter agreement with Defiance County Commissioners to recover monies expended for providing legal counsel to indigent persons for the calendar year 2022. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2021-22** by caption only to purchase property on Defiance Avenue.
- First reading of **Resolution 2021-23** by caption only to sell property - Lot 55 of Edgerton's First Addition. Note: Council asked about our ability to sell land gifted to the Village. Essex will research and verify the paperwork is complete and correct.
- Taylor Klepper made a **Motion** to waive hearings on the apportionment of Local Government Funds as set by the Defiance County Budget Commission, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *No report*

Fire/EMS Chief: *No report*

Park Director: *No report*

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

- Fund Status Report / Fund Summary Report (Revenue and Expenditures)
- August & September Police Department Collections Report
- Notice that the Opioid settlement has been agreed to.

Mayor's Report: *No report*

At 6:30 pm Taylor Klepper asked for an executive session to discuss possible land acquisition, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

Council returned to regular session at 6:40 pm and reported no further business. Councilman Beverly said he would contact Mike Barth to schedule a Special Council Meeting.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer