

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 15th, 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; followed by the invocation by Pastor Steve Eyers, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the November 1st 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. Bassett, Ridgway, Klepper and Martin voted yes. Barth abstained.

Boards & Commissions:

The **Park Board** met October 27th - minutes in the packets. The juveniles who broke into the pool will pay for the stolen items and do community service at the park. The Adventure Alley restrooms were also vandalized. The Administrator will get with the Park Director to find out what was done and if anyone was recognized on film.

Mike Barth, Gary and Val Shull and representatives from the Girls Softball Association are going to attend the quarterly meeting of the Metropolitan Park Board to ask for their help in repairing and improving the softball area of the park since they are the legal landowner.

The **Nuisance Board** met November 2nd - minutes in the packets. Several properties in need of repair or demo were discussed.

Council Committees:

The **Finance Committee** met November 8th and minutes were not submitted. Taylor Klepper gave oral minutes at the meeting.

The **Personnel Committee** met November 10th and minutes were in the packets. They spoke with an employee who had concerns about the way things are being done with a new Administrator. He is not in favor of changes being made to the way things are done.

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 council meetings are shown on YouTube and minutes are on the website.

Administrator's Report: Wann submitted a written report covering the following topics:

- There was a main break in front of Dollar General on Veterans Day. The guys were out working 7 hours. The repairs to the street should be completed this week.
- The village has hauled 36 loads of leaves so far.
- Borderline Construction has replaced 4 village-owned sidewalks. 2 additional private property sidewalks were repaired due to damage by Hohenbrink Excavating. The village will backfill along the edges.
- The second bid opening for the wellfield will be held November 22nd at the Commissioners' office.
- Reminder - November 24th, the wrestling team will rake your leaves. Call 419-542-8095 if you need help.
- Wann asked council's permission to mark Edgerton St from Oak to Maple as a snow route. Residents park in the street which makes snow removal almost impossible. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve the new signs, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Solicitor's Report:

- First reading of **Resolution 2021-24** by caption only authorizing the mayor to sign the new Farm Lease (Industrial Park) contract and declaring an emergency. Larry Ridgway made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2021-24 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- *The Defiance Avenue land purchase and the sale of the Clearview Subdivision are being finalized.*

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning was at the Chief's Conference in Columbus. Sergeant Doctor was present but had no report.*

Fire/EMS Chief: *Scott Cramer was absent. Mike Barth reported the Feather Bingo held Saturday was a success with lots of people attending. December 3rd a toy drive will be held.*

Park Director: *Val Shull was absent.*

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

- Fund Status Report / Fund Summary Report (Revenue and Expenditures)
- October Mayor's Court report

Mayor's Report: *Mayor Jones reported there was a meeting between the Police Chief and the Sheriff's Department about the Christmas Cruise Thru fireworks. Last year was a nightmare with no clear plan. This year there is a plan including a central command. Everything should go a lot smoother.*

Mike Barth said the new banners commissioned by the Chamber of Commerce will soon be ready for installation downtown. He thanked the village employees in advance for doing the work.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer