

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, January 17th, 2022, 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 and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the January 3rd 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. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

A **Notice of Public Hearing** was announced. It will be held January 20th at 6 pm in the Zoning office, 108 N Main Street. The application is for a lot split at 119 E Smith Street.

Boards & Commissions:

None

Council Committees:

The **Water/Sewer Committee** met January 5th and submitted minutes in the packets. They discussed hiring a Wastewater Plant operator, updated all upcoming projects, and Phase II of the Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP). Council had no questions.

The **Personnel Committee** met January 6th and submitted minutes in the packets. The discussion was on making decisions on promotions, adding and/or changing positions and salary vs job being done. Further meetings will be held. Council had no questions.

The **Street/Light/Property Committee** met tonight at 5:15 before council. No minutes were submitted. They discussed a request from the Cornerstone Church to purchase 2 village-owned lots behind the Veteran's Memorial. The committee is not in favor of selling. Troy Essex reminded them any sale would have to be put out for bid anyway. Mayor Jones will convey the decision to the Pastor.

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 and Kent Miller met with Choice One to discuss rewriting/resubmitting Phase II of the LTCP.

The Meadow Lane leak was a problem due to no useable GIS reading, no good prints for the area resulting in lawns being decimated from the digging required to locate the leak. The piping underground was plastic. Wann plans to replace it with copper in the spring.

A pre-construction meeting for the new well-field will be at 9 am in council chambers.

Wann has been in contact with Werlor about renewing the contract. He would like to let this contract run out through December 31st, 2022, with a renewal beginning January 1st, 2023, instead of March of 2022 as requested by Werlor. He will be in contact with Michele Ryder in the late summer to get the details. Taylor Klepper reminded council we have an ordinance with automatic increases each year. Residents will not be impacted.

Ron Beverly asked Wann about a problem at the Wastewater plant that was to be fixed. Wann said it is being worked on but is not done yet.

Charlie Martin asked about the truck route on N Main Street since the repairs. Trucks are still using the Elm Street/Meuse Argonne viaduct. Wann said the elevation is the problem on the N Main viaduct. Some trucks can't fit under it.

Ron Beverly asked about the Vancrest annexation. He wants them to provide details of their construction now. He is concerned about adding to our utility infrastructure. He thinks they should be compelled to give the village details so we can plan ahead. Mayor Jones said that information will come, but it is too soon to expect that right now. Mayor Jones will be in contact with Vancrest officials as necessary.

Solicitor's Report:

First reading of **Ordinance 2022-01** by caption only to amend appropriations and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-01 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2022-01** by caption only submitting to electors of the Village of Hicksville the question of renewal of an existing (fire/EMS) tax levy and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2022-01 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2022-02** by caption only declaring services to be provided to territory including 8.452 acres for annexation and declaring an emergency. Charlie Martin made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2022-02 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Chief Denning was absent. Sergeant Doctor was present but had no report.*

Fire/EMS Chief: *Chief Cramer was absent.*

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)
- December Mayor's Court Report
- 2021 Permit Listing
- 2021 Property Tax Listing
- Hicksville Union Cemetery 2021 Financial Statement and 2022 Budget
- Application for new liquor license for Alight Petroleum for the East High location. Ron Beverly made a motion to waive a hearing on the matter, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Mayor's Report:

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

Mayor

Fiscal Officer