

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, April 18, 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 Acting Mayor Eric Bassett, followed by Mike Barth with the invocation. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Kirk Collins from the Hicksville Community Fund was present to address council on the proposed splash pad location. The committee would like it to be installed between the pool and pavilion in the grassy area behind the row of trees. He has asked the family who donated this part of the park if they would have any objections to a splash pad. Two were contacted and are in full agreement. The third has yet to be contacted. No written instructions have been found preventing any such activity. This area would enhance the park as a whole. The pavilion could be rented for birthday parties and other family activities since the splash pad would be in the immediate vicinity. The older kids would be more likely to use the pool, with the smaller ones using the splash pad. He handed out pamphlets showing a possible configuration, as well as a map of the park grounds. They want to install a pad that recycles water, and the village would install the infrastructure needed to run it. Troy Essex will investigate the particulars of construction on village owned property and how that works when the hiring of a contractor will actually be done by a non-profit committee. The goal will be construction using 100% donations. Collins was asked about parking for anyone not using the pavilion. He would like an arch to be built and installed on the pool side to direct the flow from there, where there is an existing parking lot. Taylor Klepper made a motion to approve the location requested, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

Amanda and Jestin Davis from the Rooted Shoppe Boutique were on hand to propose a daylong event this summer which would be held along High Street in front of their business. They would like to have the street shut down. There would be food and drinks, with a fashion show and band. They could hold it in conjunction with the Day in the Park. They were advised to get with the Administrator to confirm any plans as he would have to contact ODOT because High Street is a state highway and detours would have to be in place for truck traffic. They will contact Wann as well as Kelsey Klepper about including the Farmers Market.

Minutes from the April 4th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

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

Boards & Commissions:

The HIX TV Board met March 12th and minutes were included in the packets. Mike Barth reported the Underwriting Card has been updated.

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

Administrator's Report: a written report was included in packets:

- The drainage problem at the Pavilion has been fixed.
- A sinkhole at 308 S. Main has been repaired.
- Hyper Reach Alert System has been installed and is live. Residents can sign up online.
- Marking of streets has begun for patching/paving beginning in late May or early June.
- Joel Jacob begins Wednesday (April 20th) as the new Wastewater Superintendent.
- Johnson Controls will be inspecting the Septage Receiving building controls.
- OEPA is reviewing our LTCP amendment and should have an answer soon.
- The wellfield project is off to a slow start due to the rainy weather.
- The new water tower project should go to bid in June, with construction beginning in September. The PTI expires 03/25/2025.

- Wann asked council to approve restricting parking on Cornelia Street due to its width. Council was not in favor. Taylor Klepper said people drive slower when there are cars parked in the street.

Solicitor's Report

First reading of **Ordinance 2022-05** by caption only to approve annexation of 8.452 acres of land from Hicksville Township to the Village.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning reported a roof leak. He has shown it to the Administrator. Buckeye Construction is coming on the 25th. Council asked about the Opioid lawsuit settlement. Mike Barth asked about the distribution of funds if we sign our share over to the County Commissioners. No one knows yet. Toni Egly asked about what it would be used for. Chief Denning said possibly for the purchase of Narcan. Hicksville has had 3 ODs since January 2021.*

Fire/EMS Chief: *Scott Cramer has \$1400.00 left on the Fire Safety Grant to use. He did not have an update of the new firetruck. Mike Barth asked about the change in scheduled hours of the EMTs. Is it working out ok? Cramer said they have been lucky so far.*

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)
- March Mayor's Court Report
- SMTA Franchise Fee Report
- Mediacom Notice of their Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)
- Ohio Division of Liquor Control: application for new permit from Lupita's Mexican Store and a transfer of permit from Slattery's to Phil's One Stop

Mayor's Report:

The Administrator asked the Mayor to recommend Tiffany Kenner be hired as the cleaning person for the village offices. Acting Mayor Bassett made the recommendation. Mike Barth made a motion to accept the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

Charlie Martin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer