

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
ANNUAL JOINT MEETING WITH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday, May 16, 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. All recited 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, Toni Egly, Charlie Martin, and Ron Beverly; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex. Administrator Cory Wann was absent. Township Trustees present were Zane Zeedyk, John McCalla, and Josh Metz.

Mayor Jones called the Joint Meeting to order. He asked if Council had any business to bring forward for the Trustees. There was none. He then asked the Trustees if they had anything to discuss with Council. Josh Metz said they were currently working on putting new stones down in the cemetery driveways but other than that had nothing to report. Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn the Joint Meeting, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Mayor Jones returned the meeting to regular session.

Minutes from the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

A list of bills to be paid was presented. Ron Beverly asked other council members to look at the amount being paid to do things at the Sewer Plant. Are some things being done more than once? Are the repairs necessary? He thinks too much is being spent there. He wants the new Superintendent to come to council to meet everyone. Does anyone know who he is? Mike Barth said he went to the plant and spoke with Mr. Jacob. Eric Bassett and Taylor Klepper said they have met him as well. Klepper asked about the payment to IFM. Is it the final one? Smith said yes. Beverly wants council to hire someone to shadow the new Superintendent. Council was not in favor. Klepper said he thought IFM was providing guidance while they were there as to what needed to be done. The mayor will discuss any plan or guidance IFM left with the Administrator this week. Ron Beverly then made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Eric Bassett. Bassett, Beverly, Egly, Klepper and Martin voted yes. Barth abstained.

**Boards & Commissions:**

The Board of Zoning Appeals met May 11<sup>th</sup>. They approved a setback variance for Bruce Guilford at his E. High St. property.

The HIX TV Board met April 9<sup>th</sup> and minutes were included in the packets. They are considering updating their By-Laws. A copy will be sent to the Solicitor for approval.

**Council Committees:**

The Street/Light/Property Committee met May 4<sup>th</sup> and minutes were in the packets. Ron Beverly said they discussed parking on Cornelia Street and the "no parking" sign at the corner of Smith and Maple. Mayor Jones said the minutes do not reflect the Cornelia Street reference, and asked Beverly to amend the minutes. The only recommendation they made was to replace the "no parking" sign on Maple to "no parking here to corner."

The Personnel Committee met May 7<sup>th</sup> and minutes were in the packets. (1) John Elwood requested they look at his longevity pay. He went from volunteer to fulltime with no break in service but as this occurred over his 10-year anniversary, he was not given any longevity pay. He asked the committee to prorate his 10-year amount to reflect his volunteer/full-time status. They agreed. He also brought it to their attention that several EMT's took a class but did not pass the exam, so they were to pay back the cost of the class. He was the only one who paid his fee back and the others were not pursued. The committee asked the Fiscal Officer to look at the policy in place before they decide anything. (2) Jessi Randall, Water Superintendent, asked the committee to give her a substantial raise since the new Wastewater Superintendent was hired at a rate higher than hers. She also wants to move up the hiring timeline for replacing Troy Sargent when he retires. The committee gave the salary request to her immediate supervisor (the Administrator) to decide. The timeline for hiring a replacement will be as follows: Post job in August, interviews in September and a start date in October.

The Ordinance Committee met tonight before council. Minutes will follow.

*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](mailto: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 Water Valve Replacement Job has started. 7 of the 16 have been completed.
- Energy Optimizers begin LED upgrades on Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Solicitor's Report:**

There was no legislation to look at tonight.

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** *Mark Denning gave Council an update on new legislation concerning concealed carry and fireworks. He is agreeable with using O.R.C. as written, but he would like council to consider a time frame for fireworks. \*\*Solicitor Essex said beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, the village could (1) do nothing and comply with the O.R.C. or (2) restrict to a day and/or time in village limits or (3) do a total ban. Chief Denning has accepted an appointment to the Board of Directors of the Juvenile Detention Center.*

**Fire/EMS Chief:** *Scott Cramer was absent. Asst. Chief Bruce Hart was on hand but had to respond to a call. No report given.*

**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)
- April Mayor's Court Report
- Flyer from the EDA Public Works Program
- Copy of the invoice for the most current pool liner repair

**Mayor's Report:**

Vancrest had their groundbreaking ceremony on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

May 29<sup>th</sup> is graduation with a phenomenal 7 valedictorians.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> the first of the Summer Concert Series will be held.

Since the next meeting will be June 6<sup>th</sup>, the mayor wished everyone a happy Memorial Day.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer