

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, August 15, 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, Ron Beverly, Charlie Martin, and Toni Egly; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith, and Solicitor Troy Essex. Administrator Cory Wann and Council Member Mike Barth were absent.

Minutes from the August 1st Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve with an additional paragraph added after the 2nd executive session about possible financing of the new pool project. The motion was seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.

A list of bills to be paid was presented. Ron Beverly asked about the Poggemeyer invoice with an additional amount included. Smith said she asked the company for an explanation, they looked into it and apparently it is a mistake on their part. Beverly said not to pay the bill until the credit arrives. Taylor Klepper said paying the invoice as presented and receiving a credit sometimes keep the bookkeeping cleaner. Beverly told Smith to do it however she wants to. He then made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions: The **Board of Zoning Appeals** met August 3rd to discuss a setback variance application by the Compton Addy Commercial Real Estate company. The Board listened to Don Compton from the named company, the neighbors Rob and Jill Brown, and village resident Scott Peters. Board members Lynn Haver, Mike Headley and Stan Stuckey all voted no to the variance. Matthew Bennett and Tom Stuckman were absent.

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: the report contained the following items:

- The property at 526 N Main has been approved to be demolished by the county. It should be done before May 1, 2023.
- There was a second water main break in from of 811 E High Street. It has been repaired but the plates over the area will be there for about a month until it can be paved.
- The Street Department has been cutting low hanging branches and trimming trees. They are about to begin painting crosswalks.
- The Eagle Scout project at Millcreek Drive is set to be done this weekend. A dead tree was removed from the area by the village in preparation. The area residents have reached out expressing their appreciation.
- Wann spoke with the project engineer in charge of the paving to be done by ODOT. He said the company hired is having a hard time finding necessary product but plan to start within the next 2 weeks. This is a full depth repair, but they are still holding to a completion date of October 31, 2322.

Solicitor's Report:

First reading of **Resolution 2022-10** by caption only assessing delinquent grass and weed bills and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2022-10. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2022-11** by caption only assessing delinquent utility bills and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2022-11. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2022-12** by caption only to assess street light millage 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 Resolution 2022-12. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2022-13** by caption only to enter agreement with County Commissioners for the recovery of monies expended for providing legal counsel to indigent persons for the calendar year 2023.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning reported he has 4 applications. Two would be considered for Lieutenant, and 2 for Officer. Interviews will be done this week.*

Fire/EMS Chief: *Scott Cramer had no report.*

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)
July Income Tax, Utility, Mayor's Court and Revolving Loan Collection Reports
Revenue Summary
Appropriation Summary

Mayor's Report:

- The Huber Summer Concert Series continues Thursday from 7 to 9 featuring The Cornerstone Praise Team with Rotary providing food again (free will donation).
- Hoptoberfest will be September 17th from 7 to 9 downtown.
- The Fair starts August 20th.
- The Back-To-School Breakfast held by the Chamber of Commerce each year will be held on August 25th at 7:30 am. If any council member wishes to go, contact Cheryl Smith so she can RSVP on your behalf.

At 6:20 pm Ron Beverly asked for an executive session for Personnel discipline and/or dismissal, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

At 6:50 council returned to regular session.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer