

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday December 5, 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 Pastor Evers' invocation. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the November 22nd Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Charlie Martin. Bassett, Martin, Barth, and Klepper voted yes. Egly abstained.

A list of bills to be paid was presented (for the month of November). Eric Bassett made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Charlie Martin. Bassett, Martin and Egly voted yes. Klepper and Barth abstained.

Boards & Commissions:

No Boards or Commissions met.

Council Committees:

The **Finance Committee** met November 28th at 4 pm to finalize the 2023 budget numbers and to discuss upcoming projects, purchases. Finance would like department heads to lay out specifics for them before they approve any future funding. They would also like deadlines to be taken seriously.

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 asked the mayor to recommend hiring Joe Balsler for the Water Department. The mayor made the recommendation pending a good physical, drug screen and BCI. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Solicitor's Report: (legislation read by Mayor Jones)

- Final reading reading of **Ordinance 2022-10** by caption only to establish appropriations for 2023. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- Final reading of **Ordinance 2022-11** by caption only to establish pay rates for 2023. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve the wages, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2022-12** 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 2022-12 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: Mark Denning asked the mayor to recommend hiring new officer Samantha Weidmer from Nelsonville Ohio. The mayor made the recommendation to council. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve hiring Officer Weidmer, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Fire/EMS Chief: Scott Cramer asked the mayor to recommend hiring new firefighter Kevin Wagler. Mayor Jones made the recommendation to council. Mike Barth made a motion to approve the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Park Director: Val Shull absent.

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

- Fund Status / Cash Summary (Revenue & Expenditures)
- November Utility and Income Tax Collections
- November Mayor's Court Report
- November Revolving Loan Report
- Notice from AEP concerning extensive changes coming in 2023

- Smith asked council if they wanted to set up a post audit meeting to go over the results of the 2020-2021 Financial Audit. They are all in agreement to have a formal meeting.

Mayor's Report:

At 7:00 pm Charlie Martin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer