

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday December 19, 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, Ron Beverly, and Taylor Klepper; Administrator Cory Wann, Solicitor Troy Essex, and Utility Clerk Dawn Hostetler. Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith was absent.

Minutes from the December 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (for the month of December). Councilman Klepper asked about the Maple Lane engineering payment being in this year's budget. Administrator Wann stated engineering was budgeted for this year, payment was shifted to Maple Lane engineering. Eric Bassett made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Toni Egly. Bassett, Martin, Klepper and Egly voted yes. Beverly and Barth abstained.

**Boards & Commissions:**

No Boards or Commissions reported.

**Council Committees:**

**Street/Light/Property Committee** met Wednesday December 14, 2022, at 5:30. Minutes were in the packet. Discussion on traffic concerns at the corner of High and S. Main Street. Committee recommends marking off a delivery lane using the current 3 parking spots on S Main for a delivery lane and painting center lines on S. Main to keep traffic in correct lanes. Wann will investigate getting lanes marked and signage. Also discussed were the new "No Parking" signs on Haver Dr. It was decided to have the Ordinance committee review and update ordinance 351.15 before proceeding. Chief Denning stated he would not enforce the current signage until there is a resolution.

**Police/Fire/EMS Committee** met December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30. Discussed was pay for training and continuing education. The 4 area townships covered and new contracts and future revenue. They met again December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Continued discussion on township runs and contract negotiations. A list of both fire and EMS runs for the past 3 years was provided. Billing was discussed along with EMS personnel issues and more revenue building options. Meeting minutes were on the table prior to Council meeting.

*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:**

- Wann stated still need water department employee. Councilman Klepper asked about the tree grates uptown, Wann replied, his opinion would not be popular. The Street department is prepped for snow and winter weather.

**Solicitor's Report:**

- First reading of **Ordinance 2022-13** by caption only to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Police Pension Fund and declaring an emergency. Councilman Barth made a motion to suspend the rules, second by Taylor Klepper. Barth, Klepper, Egly, Martin, and Bassett voted yes. Beverly abstained. Second and final reading of **Ordinance 2022-13** Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, second by Charlie Martin. Bassett, Barth, Martin, Klepper, and Egly voted yes. Beverly abstained.

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** Mark Denning had no report. Requested a finance committee meeting to be scheduled

**Fire/EMS Chief:** Bruce Hart represented the fire department stating the new truck could be delivered soon. Possibly in service 6 weeks after delivery. Drivers will soon be required to have a Class "A" CDL license. Councilman Egly asked the cost and if this was budgeted for next year,

**Park Director:** Val Shull absent.

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

- Fund Status / Cash Summary (Revenue & Expenditures)

**Mayor's Report:**

- The Mayor Recognized the News-Tribune's final edition 12/21/2022. The Tribune has been in business since 1886 with Councilman Mike Barth, Publisher at the paper for 36 years. Barth's Grandparents Merle and Betty Pepple owned the paper from 1970-1991 when their daughter Mary Ann Barth became the Editor.
- Eric Bassett shared information on the New Pool and Splash pad that will be discussed at the 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting in 2023. Councilman Klepper also added that the Hicksville community has been very generous with donations for the Splash pad and Thanks all who have donated.
- Mayor Jones wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

At 6:25 Eric Bassett made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes. Council returned to regular session at 6:55 pm.

No further business was brought forward.

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

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Mayor

Sr Utility Clerk