

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday January 16, 2023, 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, and Toni Egly; Solicitor Troy Essex, Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith and Administrator Cory Wann. Councilman Ron Beverly was absent. Councilman Taylor Klepper was late.

Minutes from the January 3rd Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

Taylor Klepper arrived.

A list of bills to be paid was presented. 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:

The **Nuisance Board** met January 6th - minutes were in the packets. 8 properties were discussed.

Council Committees:

The **Ordinance Committee** met January 5th - minutes were in the packets. The discussion centered on the upcoming ordinance changes as well as enforcement in the future.

The **Finance Committee** met January 6th - minutes were in the packets. The meeting was to authorize payment of the new fire truck balance to be paid from the Permanent Improvement Fund.

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 submitted a written report to the packets. The Maple Lane Sewer Separation bid opening was January 26th with Choice One Engineering. The bid included repaving the street. Commodity pickups are now at Lifeline Connect Church. Commodities pickup from Toledo will now be done by an independent contractor for \$50.00 a month instead of our employees. He also included a timeline for the new water tower from Caldwell Tanks, Inc. Finally, he asked council to consider increasing the cost to prepare the ballfield for tournament play from \$15.00 a day. He estimates our cost is \$42.30 a day. He does not agree that park employees collect trash after school track meets.

Solicitor's Report:

- First reading of **Ordinance 2023-01** by caption only amending Chapter 905 (trees, weeds, grass).
- First reading of **Ordinance 2023-02** by caption only amending Section 911.03 (litter).
- First reading of **Ordinance 2023-03** by caption only adopting Section 521.13 (outdoor furniture).
- First reading of **Ordinance 2023-04** by caption only amending Chapter 1165.09 (parking/storage of passenger vehicles).
- First reading of **Ordinance 2023-05** by caption only adopting Section 1165.091 (parking/storage of commercial vehicles).
- First reading of **Ordinance 2023-06** by caption only amending Section 1169.10 (disabled/junk vehicles).
- First reading of **Ordinance 2023-07** by caption only adopting Section 1165.092 (storage of recreational vehicles).

Department Heads:

Police Chief: Mark Denning reported Samantha Wiedmer has started work. He is still short 1 officer.

Fire/EMS Chief: Scott Cramer gave council the 2022 run numbers. He is using Lexipol online. He needed to have a new furnace installed. 2 of the EMR's have passed their tests.

Park Director: Val Shull had no report.

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

- Fund Status / Cash Summary (Revenue & Expenditures)
- December Mayor's Court Collections Reports
- November & December Revolving Loan Reports
- 2022 Zoning Permit Listing

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Jones reported a notice from the post office concerning possible hours of operation changes. For the next 30 days residents can voice their opinion. He has the contact information.

Taylor Klepper reported the splashpad committee is meeting Friday. He asked Cory Wann about the RFP from engineers/designers. Wann reported he is working on it.

Mike Barth will set up a Fire/EMS Committee meeting to discuss finances, upcoming township contracts and a maintenance schedule.

Resident Ed Garman from N. Main St. was present to speak to council about the flooding problem at his residence. He said his furnace and a/c needs to be replaced as well as drywall and possibly a mold issue. He said this was caused by the village removing the old HIX TV brick building and paving the parking lot next to him. Charlie Martin asked him why it took him so long to bring the issue to council's attention. The building has been gone a long time. Eric Bassett said the first he was aware of it was last fall when he got a message. The Administrator has been out to the area. It is noted that a building and driveway have been put in since the HIX TV building was razed. Mayor Jones asked the Water/Sewer Committee to meet with Mr. Garman and work on a solution.

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

Mayor

Fiscal Officer