

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday February 6, 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 an invocation. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was amended to include another Ordinance. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

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

Minutes from the January 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Taylor Klepper. Barth, Bassett, Egly, Martin and Klepper voted yes. Beverly abstained.

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

**Boards & Commissions:**

The **HIX TV Board** met January 28<sup>th</sup> - minutes were in the packets.

**Council Committees:**

The **Water/Sewer Committee** met January 24<sup>h</sup> - minutes were in the packets. They met with Ed Garman to discuss the water damage at his property. He wants the village to pay for a new furnace and a/c unit. We acknowledge there may be a water issue but in the recent years he has built a building on his lot with no downspout extensions, or gutters. He has no sump pump. The committee recommended we split the cost which he said was \$7600.00 and reimburse him half after we have a written waiver signed by all parties. Mike Barth made a motion to approve this, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

The **Finance Committee** met January 31<sup>st</sup>- minutes were in the packets. The committee had a Zoom meeting with a representative of the Enterprise Fleet Program to learn about a lease program they offer. This will be investigated further to see if it is a feasible option for the village. Ron Beverly asked if the rep Carol Cultrona would come to council to answer questions as we learn more.

The **Police/Fire/EMS Committee** met February 2<sup>nd</sup> - minutes were in the packets. The discussion centered on the upcoming Township contracts as well as a possible levy in 2024 to alleviate the shortfall in the Fire/EMS budget. Taylor Klepper wanted to know if council was open to hiring an outside company to do the billing.

*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 had the following report:

- Energy Optimizers still have not completed the lighting as contracted.
- The ad for SOQ's (Statement of Qualifications) for the new pool/splashpad project will run until the 16<sup>th</sup>. It has been sent to the Crescent and West Bend as well as several engineering firms. Taylor Klepper wants the selection to come from a committee, not the administrator. He thinks it should also include maybe Eric Bassett, Charlie Martin and someone from the Foundation.
- Thursday there will be 4 interviews for the empty slot at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Wann asked council if they had considered his request to increase the rate to prep ball fields for tournament play. Currently the rate is \$15.00 per field per day. The estimated cost to the village is \$42.30. Eric Bassett made a motion to increase the rate to \$50.00 per field per day, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes. (Wann will amend the contracts and send to Troy Essex for approval.)
- Klepper asked if the generator was in. Wann said it would be in March and online by May.

**Solicitor's Report:**

- Second reading of **Ordinance 2023-01** by caption only amending Chapter 905 (trees, weeds, grass).
- Second reading of **Ordinance 2023-02** by caption only amending Section 911.03 (litter).
- Second reading of **Ordinance 2023-03** by caption only adopting Section 521.13 (outdoor furniture).

- Second reading of **Ordinance 2023-04** by caption only amending Chapter 1165.09 (parking/storage of passenger vehicles).
- Second reading of **Ordinance 2023-05** by caption only adopting Section 1165.091 (parking/storage of commercial vehicles).
- Second reading of **Ordinance 2023-06** by caption only amending Section 1169.10 (disabled/junk vehicles).
- Second reading of **Ordinance 2023-07** by caption only adopting Section 1165.092 (storage of recreational vehicles).
- First reading of **Ordinance 2023-08** by caption only to transfer funds and declaring an emergency. Taylor Klepper made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2023-08 by caption only. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2023-01** by caption only to enter into contract with Fenson Contracting LLC for the Maple Lane Sewer Separation and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2023-01 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.

There was a discussion among council members about the ordinance amendments/additions; specifically, the parking changes concerning private vehicles. If someone has a gathering how would it be enforced if the guests can't park on the lawn or on the street? Will they be asked to leave? Could they be issued a permit to park on the lawn? This particular ordinance will be looked at closely before it comes up for a final vote. Council was advised by the solicitor that voting at the final reading will be to pass, fail or table. (To table means it is no longer under consideration but can be brought up at a later date "as written" or revised.)

#### **Department Heads:**

***Police Chief:*** Mark Denning reported 445 calls and 172 cases in January. The police department is having new flooring installed throughout. Councilman Beverly made a comment that a resident reached out to him to praise the actions of Chief Denning, Officers Fritch and Fisher during a call. They were thankful.

***Fire/EMS Chief:*** Scott Cramer was absent.

***Park Director:*** Val Shull was absent.

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

- Fund Status / Cash Summary (Revenue & Expenditures)
- January Utility, Income Tax and Mayor's Court Collections Reports
- January Revolving Loan Report
- Hicksville Union Cemetery 2022 Financial Statement and 2023 Budget
- Mediacom Franchise Fee Report

#### **Mayor's Report:**

- A correction was made to the last meeting minutes. The Post Office hours with a 2 pm ending only applies to business deliveries (like the utility billing). The Post Office will continue to have regular hours for all customers.
- Mayor Jones issued his 2022 Review of the Village Report.
- He also read a Proclamation that named February Career and Technical Education Month.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer