

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday March 20, 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 cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the March 6<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. Ron Beverly made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Eric Bassett. Martin, Bassett, Beverly, and Egly voted yes. Barth abstained.

**Boards & Commissions:**

No meetings were held.

**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](mailto:hixcs@defnet.com). All council meetings are shown on YouTube and minutes are on the website.***

**Administrator's Report:** Cory Wann had the following report:

**Water Park:**

I have had a few meetings with Sixmo engineering on the specifics with the project, I do have the minutes attached. We are hoping to start the demo work at the middle of April, this work will be performed by JDY Excavating at a cost of 49,000 and will be completed before we go out to bid on the overall project. After speaking with Sixmo on this matter we feel this will save the village a lot of money going this route rather than having the demo in the scope of work for the bid process, considering what demo has cost in previous projects they have done. Linn Engineering was out on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and completed all of the surveying for this project. Ohio Gas has also been out and disconnected the pool house and they are currently in the process of running a new gas main line through the park and over onto North Main St.

**MISC:**

We had a service line repair on 110 Meadow Lane on March 7<sup>th</sup> that did cause water disruption to a few homes in order to do the repair. The street will be repaired in another month or two, depending on how it settles and how soon we can get a company in to asphalt it.

The North Main Street power pole problem (leaning multiple times) has been diagnosed. The issue that was found was the fact AEP installed the old pole into a portion of the village sewer main, and once the new pole was set created a suck hole for the new pole. We are hoping to remove the old pole and replace a section of the 12" main this week. This will cause North Main St to be down to one lane of traffic while this repair is being done.

We will be replacing our current 1987 Brush Bandit woodchipper with a 2017 Vermeer BC1000XL at a cost of \$28,000, these funds have been budgeted the last two years for a chipper.

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Wann also asked the mayor to recommend hiring Felix Salinas for the water department. He is currently a Fireman/EMR so has already had a physical, drug screen and BCI. The mayor made the recommendation. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

Jonathon Yoder has agreed to do the Haver Drive clean-out repairs for \$250.00 each.

Toni Egly asked about the lining for the truck unloading on S Main Street. Wann said the street department will do the painting depending on the weather.

She also asked about the parking lot at the pool - will it be part of the project. Wann answered yes. When asked about moving the volleyball courts, the answer was soon - before summer.

Wann consulted council about moving the skate park. Bassett said he is not in favor due to the expense. Beverly asked if it is even used. Gary Shull (park groundskeeper) said it would be nice to move it away from the pool area.

Wann said demolition of the old pool will begin the week of April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Solicitor's Report:**

- Final reading of **Ordinance 2023-09** by caption only to transfer funds. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** *Mark Denning said the kickoff meeting for the MARCS tower went well. Construction should be completed by fair week.*

**Fire/EMS Chief:** *Scott Cramer has retired as of March 13, 2023. The mayor appointed Bruce Hart as interim Chief until a replacement is found. Hart handed out a run listing for the month of March so far. He said he would be in the office daily.*

**Park Director:** *Val Shull asked council to approve hiring Gary Shull and Carson Shull for the park. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve the hiring, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.*

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

- Fund Status / Cash Summary (Revenue & Expenditures)
- 1<sup>st</sup> half of the real estate tax came in at \$208,684.37
- January & February Revolving Loan Report
- Health Fair at CMH in April - Charlie Martin made a motion to pay for employees to attend, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Jones referenced many "icons" of Hicksville have died lately. He also said the school is asking for input on a mural to be painted - if you have any ideas, call the Superintendent's office at 419-542-7665.

Billy Laney was in attendance and asked to be considered when/if the village hires someone to mow village properties. Mayor Jones thanked him for his request.

At 6:40 pm Ron Beverly asked for an executive session to discuss certain personnel performance, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

At 7:10 pm council returned to open session. No action was taken after returning.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Council adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer