

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday April 3, 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, Ron Beverly, Taylor Klepper and Toni Egly; Solicitor Troy Essex, Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith and Administrator Cory Wann. Councilmen Mike Barth and Charlie Martin were absent.

Minutes from the March 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Toni Egly. Bassett, Beverly and Egly voted yes. Klepper abstained.

A list of bills to be paid was presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING by the Planning Commission to hear an application for a lot split at 402 S. Bryan St. The meeting will be held April 20<sup>th</sup> in the Zoning off at 108 N. Main St. at 5 pm.

**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 Tower:**

Caldwell tanks started work on the tower's foundation. The concrete is scheduled for the first pour of the foundation on Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are right on schedule for the concrete work, the concrete work is projected to go until April 22, with the steel work is to be started right after on April 26<sup>th</sup>, all of this is weather permitting.

**Wellfield:**

We are still waiting for Ortman to get the second pitless adaptor installed. Tom Lingvai said that he was told by Ortman that they hoped to have that this week. In terms of Bryan Excavating and the Electrical Sub work, Tom felt they only have around 2 weeks of work remaining out there.

The "2 weeks" is heavily dependent on weather and site conditions. He is currently scheduling work based on what sites are workable, but if the site dries out, he expressed that he'd likely move back onto our project. Regarding Ortman, they sent in the pump and motor submittals for approval, and we are working on going through those to make sure they are good.

**North Main St. sewer main** is scheduled for repair on April 12<sup>th</sup>, JDY Excavating is doing the work with assistance from AEP, at that time North Main St will be down to 1 lane of traffic. This is the location where the new power pole has been leaning across from 615 North Main.

**Parks:**

The old pool house and pool is scheduled for demo on April 10<sup>th</sup> and will take approximately 1 week to complete. Village employees have removed the old basketball goals at Froggy Park in preparation of new goals to be installed by Playground World of Toledo. The concrete work for the base of the new goals is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> weather permitting and a week after that the new goals will be installed. The court is getting resealed and relined later this spring. We will be replacing all interior lighting in the little league concession stand with led lighting (bulbs) and rebuilding all the toilets, urinals and sinks as well, in hopes of being completed before opening day.

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Wann reported Lucas Brown has given his resignation effective April 14<sup>th</sup>. The job has been posted and interviews begin Tuesday.

**Solicitor's Report:**

- First reading of **Resolution 2023-03** by caption only authorizing the sale of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit personal property.
- First reading of **Resolution 2023-04** by caption only authorizing participation in the ODOT Salt Contract.

Beverly asked about the land on Spencerville St. that a resident is asking the village to vacate. Can we sell the lot? Wann said the land is too narrow for building. The Solicitor said he would bring legislation to vacate the strip of land and council can then vote on it.

#### **Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** *Mark Denning gave council his list of calls and cases. On Friday the Police Station was hit by a car. The vehicle was insured, the driver was not. Our insurance advised getting estimates to repair the damage. He reported one squad car needs extensive work. He would like the council to consider the Enterprise leasing system. Beverly asked if a sales rep could come to the council to explain how it works. Denning will find out. The 911 system is being attached to the PD Facebook page as well as to Hyper Reach. Anyone who signed up will receive real-time alerts. Mayor Jones asked if the sirens went off during the last storm. The answer was yes, but after the storm.*

**Fire/EMS Chief:** *Interim Chief Bruce Hart reported 6 EMS and 2 fire-related calls in the first 3 days of April. For the first 3 months - 102 EMS calls and 28 fire-related calls.*

**Park Director:** *Val Shull was absent. Administrator reported the restrooms are being rehabbed and lighting is being replaced with LEDs.*

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

- Fund Status / Cash Summary (Revenue & Expenditures)
- March Utility and Income Tax Collections Reports

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Jones reported he has had a meeting with the county about the April 4, 2024 total eclipse that will occur across Ohio. Only 15 have been visible since 1867. The next one will not occur across Ohio until 2044. The county is expecting extremely large numbers of tourists to descend on the area. It is slated to roll across the state for a period of 10 minutes. There will be meetings periodically in order to make plans for this time period and how to make the experience a safe one.

On April 14<sup>th</sup> the CIC is having a breakfast meeting at 9:30 am. If any councilmen wish to attend, contact the mayor.

Beverly asked about the Spec Building. Essex and Jones had nothing new to report.

Klepper asked about funding to expand Industrial Park. Nothing has been brought up so far.

Cory & Kari Wann (hosts of the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Park) reported this is the 7<sup>th</sup> year they have organized this for the kids. They expect a few hundred kids, and they will be arranged in groups by age. Registration is at 11:30 am with the egg hunt from 1pm to 2 pm. At 2 pm 16 bicycles will be raffled off. There will be food and drinks at the Rotary Pavilion (free will donation). The Wanns, along with several volunteers and the Lifeline Connect Church spend up to 3 weeks preparing - stuffing 30,000 eggs with candy. Mayor Jones thanked them for their hard work.

Joel Jacob, Wastewater Superintendent was present to update council on the plant. He said things are going better. He said the plant rises and falls by efficient sludge removal. He's still talking to farmers. As soon as the parts arrive one tank can get up & running and he can dump the other tank. The drying beds are covered by bio bags. He would like to try chemical additives and open air to help with the drying.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes. Council adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer