

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday June 5, 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, Charlie Martin, Mike Barth, and Toni Egly; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; Administrator Cory Wann; and Solicitor Troy Essex.

Minutes from the May 15th 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. Bassett, Beverly, Martin, and Egly voted yes. Klepper and Barth abstained.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: June 8th at 6 pm in the Zoning Office to hear a petition to rezone 525 S. Main Street from M-2 Heavy Industrial to R-3 Single Family, Two Family or Three Family Residential.

Boards & Commissions: The **Nuisance Board** met May 31st at 10 am to discuss 7 properties. Minutes were in the packets.

Council Committees: The **Finance Committee** met May 15th at 5:15 pm to discuss (1) the proposed Fire/EMS Levy, (2) possibly billing for fire runs and (3) financing options for the pool/splashpad project. Minutes were in the packets.

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: Cory Wann had the following report:

Wellfield:

- Ortman Drilling
 - Ortman still needs to purge and re-test the wells for the analytes that were missing from the initial tests.
 - They still need to install the drop pipe and permanent well pumps.
 - They are waiting to do this all-in-one trip, once power has been activated, so there is only one trip out.
 - Once we know AEP's schedule, Ortman can coordinate so that there is power when they are out there.
- Bryan Excavating
 - Pressure and leakage tests were completed yesterday.
 - The electrician was on site; they have conduit installed up to the transformer pad. Pull rope was going to be put in this week.
 - When this is done, AEP can be scheduled.
 - Electrician was working on conduit between main electrical area to valve vaults.
 - Tom estimated that they had approximately 2 weeks' worth of work remaining, could be as low as 1 week if they push really hard.
 - Once electrician is done inside of fenced in areas, the gas pipe contractor, fence contractor, and final grading/road work can get done.
- OEPA
 - OEPA is currently conducting their reviews of the well submittals.
 - Ralph Baker stated that he would likely have his comments to me this week. I have already compiled responses/answers to some of the comments that Ralph had discussed on the phone with me previously.

Water Tower: All foundation work has been completed and Caldwell is currently working on the steel construction. Painting is projected to start on June 8th and go until July 20th, so far they have been able to stay on schedule. Electrical will follow towards the end of July. Substantial completion September 2023

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Wann also reported 54 properties tagged by the Zoning Department between May 5th and June 1st.

Solicitor's Report: (Readings by Mayor Jones)

- Final reading of **Ordinance 2023-11** by caption only to levy a tax for Fire Protection in the Village of Hicksville. Mike Barth made a motion to table this Ordinance until more information is provided, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.

- First reading of **Ordinance 2023-12** by caption only vacating an unnamed street right-of-way between Husted Subdivision Lot 9 and Auditor's Plat Lot 339.
- First reading of **Resolution 2023-08** by caption only to enter contract with Hicksville Township for Fire & EMS services and declaring an emergency. Mike Barth made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes. Second and Final reading of Resolution 2023-08 by caption only. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2023-09** by caption only to enter contract with Farmer Township for Fire & EMS services and declaring an emergency. Mike Barth made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and Final reading of Resolution 2023-09 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2023-10** by caption only to enter contract with Milford Township for Fire & EMS services and declaring an emergency. Charlie Martin made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes. Second and Final reading of Resolution 2023-10 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2023-11** by caption only to enter contract with Mark Township for Fire & EMS services and declaring an emergency. Mike Barth made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and Final reading of Resolution 2023-11 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning asked Mayor Jones to recommend hiring Alex Jackson as a new police officer. Jackson has recently graduated from the Academy. Mayor Jones agreed pending his physical, drug screen and BCI. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the hiring, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.*

Chief Denning asked the council to make a decision soon about the Enterprise Lease Program. The deadline for any vehicle requests is coming up soon if any new vehicles will be added in 2024.

The department has had 637 calls for service, and 262 cases in May.

Fire/EMS Chief: *Bruce Hart had no report.*

1st 5 days in June statistics: Fire calls - 0 / EMS calls 5

For the year: Fire calls - 56 / EMS calls 177

Park Director: *Val Shull was absent.*

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

- Fund Status / Cash Summary (Revenue & Expenditures)
- May Income Tax, Utility and Mayor's Court Reports

Mayor's Report: Mayor Jones invited everyone to the Huber Patio Series to hear music and get something to eat. A Food Truck may be on the premises.

The Night of Lights will be held on Friday beginning at 6 pm at the school grounds.

The Circus is coming to the Hicksville Park June 14th with shows at 5 and 7:30.

The next council meeting (July 3rd) has been cancelled due to holiday and vacations. The only meeting in July will be on the 17th.

Joel Jacob, Wastewater Superintendent, was present to update Council on the plant's progress. Everything is moving along despite the fact we need rain.

Charlie Martin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Council adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer