

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday September 18, 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 from Pastor Steve Eyers. All cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the September 5th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Toni Egly. Bassett, Martin, Egly, and Beverly voted yes. Klepper abstained.

A list of bills to be paid was presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to pay the bills with the check for Choice One removed, and the bills approved on September 5th redlined, seconded by Charlie Martin. Bassett, Martin, Egly and Klepper voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Boards & Commissions: The Nuisance Board met September 6th and minutes were in the packets.

Council Committees: No minutes were submitted. The Finance Committee also met on September 6th and minutes will be available at a later date.

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: No report was submitted. Wann gave the following updates: The lift has been received. It was paid from the street capital improvements fund that was set up for a new truck. The truck will be part of the lease program now. The recycle lot will no longer accept grass clippings. We have nowhere to take them any longer. The cost for the rebid engineering documents is \$8500.00. Taylor Klepper said that seemed high to him. A map for leaf pick up has been put on the website. The village is divided into quadrants to maximize labor and fuel.

Solicitor's Report:

- First reading of **Resolution 2023-23** by caption only to enter an agreement Choice One Engineering to provide professional engineering services for the Cornelia/Rock Street Water Main Replacement project and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Charlie Martin. Bassett, Martin, Klepper and Egly voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: Mark Denning reported the first vehicle for the lease program has been chosen. It is a 2024 Dodge Durango. Delivery will probably be in the new year. It will replace the Taurus.

Fire/EMS Chief: Bruce Hart said his budget is almost finished. He is meeting on Monday with the Police/Fire Committee before he gives it to the Finance Committee. He said the Fire and EMS personnel are ready to go door to door to talk about the upcoming levy vote. Their main objective is to keep a full-time Emergency Responder unit and the levy will help cover their wages. Toni Egly asked Chief Hart to provide her with the cost for a single full-time EMT. Taylor Klepper said he needs more clarity about how the levy money would be spent. Chief Hart also reported he had to buy 2 new tires for a fire truck for about \$1300.00 and that was state pricing. The tires were original (about 21 years old).

Park Director: Val Shull had no report.

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

- Fund Status / Cash Summary (Revenue & Expenditures)
- August Mayor's Court Report

Mayor's Report: Mayor Jones announced Trick or Treating would be from 4-6 pm on October 28th. He reminded everyone the new walking trail is having a grand opening Saturday the 23rd from 11-1. There will be food, drinks and entertainment. He will have a solicitor candidate soon.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Council adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer