

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, October 16, 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.

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

Minutes from the October 4th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.

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

Mayor Jones has announced the appointment of Rachel Hammersmith to replace Troy Essex as Solicitor. She was present to meet Council and answer any questions they have. She said she is from the Ayresville area and is married with 3 children: 4 years old, 2 years old and 11 weeks old. She has been practicing law for 6 years. She is acquainted with Troy and will rely on his assistance to become familiar with municipal law.

Boards & Commissions: A **Notice of Public Hearing** was posted. The **Board of Zoning Appeals** will meet October 18th at 4 pm in the Zoning office to hear a request by Bruce Guilford for a sign variance.

The CRA Board met October 11th and minutes were in the packets. They discussed 2 applications: (1) a remodel on Hidden Brook Dr and (2) a new build on Old Mill Road. Both were approved.

Council Committees: No meetings were scheduled. Eric Bassett said the Finance Committee will meet on the 23rd and 24th at 5 pm to plan 2024 budgets.

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: The following report was submitted:

WATER TOWER

Electrical should be finished up by October 27th. The civil/mechanical contractor will be on site later part of next week and his scope should not take more than 3 days.

WELLFIELD

New Wells:

- Ortman was on site this week to check the pump operation and/or perform the pump test again.
- Waiting on this issue to be resolved to issue substantial completion and execute final payment
- Final pay app should be executed next week.

Water line:

- We have sent a punch list to Bryan Excavating for them to correct items. Waiting for confirmation that these things were corrected.
- Waiting on the Electrical to be completed.
- Waiting on SCADA to be completed.
- I received a call yesterday that the programming of the SCADA needs to be changed now that there are 4 wells and multiple wells running at the same time. As this affects the Chlorine feed system.
- This will take some time to complete but there is a way to sequence the work, so the wells remain operational.
- Bryan Excavating has not yet executed the final CO or signed the Substantial completion certificate.

East Cornelia / Rock St project was awarded to Hohenbrink Excavating LLC in the amount of \$328,296.20, Engineers estimate was \$393,367.00. This project consists of replacing the 6" water main and valves on the 300 & 400 block of East Cornelia St and the 200 block of Rock St. along with milling and resurfacing of those blocks. Paying for this project is as follows \$170,000 OPWC \$174,711.01 Water Capital Outlay, there is a 5% contingency added to the awarded bid amount. For fiscal year 2023 there was \$314,560.00 budgeted for this project. Leaf pickup started on Tuesday the 10th; everything seems to be working out great with breaking the town into 4 quadrants. Feedback from the community has been positive...so far ☺

I have attached an email from HHS senior Aidan Pollick for everyone to read. (He wants to raise money to provide an AED for the baseball fields at the park for his senior project. Council agreed.)

A question about the small building on the Defiance Avenue property was brought up. Wann said he would like it removed. His employees will do the work and the only cost will be for a dumpster.

Solicitor's Report:

First reading of **Resolution 2023-25** by caption only to enter a contract with Hohenbrink Excavating LLC for the water main replacement project at Cornelia and Rock Streets.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning had no report.*

Fire/EMS Chief: *Bruce Hart had no report. He passed out levy flyers.*

Park Director: *Val Shull had no report.*

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

- Fund Status / Cash Summary (Revenue & Expenditures)
- September Mayor's Court Reports
- Ohio Plan Liability Insurance Binder. Taylor Klepper made a motion to accept, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- Flu Shot Clinic set up at Pharmacy. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve paying for employees' shots, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes.
- Copy of an article from the OML about civility in local government.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Jones reminded residents that Trick or Treating will be from 4-6 pm on October 28th.

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

Mayor

Fiscal Officer