

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 13, 2023, at 5:16 pm

Council met in Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Jones followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Subject: Pool/Splash Pad Project

Mayor Jones asked for any discussion before voting.

Denny Vetter (from the Splashpad Fund Committee) spoke about how he would like to see the project get started. If Council won't approve the pool, will they approve the splashpad? If so, would the splashpad be enlarged? Councilman Bassett asked who was going to pay for any amount over and above the \$800,000.00 pledge of donations? There was a discussion about possible engineering costs if the projects were separated. Administrator Wann reminded council the parking lot project is not included in the splashpad bid amount. Council is concerned about having to get a loan with interest rates being so high this year. The pool would be a desirable addition to the park and an asset for the village, but they need more time to consider the investment of tax dollars now and in the future. They also have questions about how much the cost will be to maintain the pool if it is built. Fiscal Officer Smith said she is confident that the village could manage the financing of the pool without causing a disruption in the balance of funds. The village has had major infrastructure projects in recent years. These were partially funded transferring money from the General Fund to Capital Projects. The balance of these projects was paid for by OWDA and OPWC loans and grants. That money is not available for a pool. The same principle would apply for this pool project. Funds allocated for Capital Projects in 2024 include \$1,500,000.00 towards the pool and \$800,000.00 from donations, with the balance from a 10-year loan. The entire project is \$4,445,000.00. The splashpad part of the project is \$869,000.00 without any engineering changes.

Second reading of **Resolution 2023-26** by caption only

TO ENTER A CONTRACT WITH VERNON NAGEL INC TO CONSTRUCT A NEW POOL, POOL HOUSE, SPLASHPAD AND PUMP HOUSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Charlie Martin made a motion to suspend the rules and vote for the entire project. There was no second.

First reading of **Resolution 2023-28** by caption only

TO ENTER A CONTRACT WITH VERNON NAGEL INC TO CONSTRUCT A SPLASHPAD AND PUMP HOUSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules to vote for the splashpad only, with the village paying any cost over the \$800,00.00 raised by donations. This was seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. The pool project will be discussed further at a later date.

Charlie Martin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer