

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024, 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 Michael Barth, followed by an invocation from Pastor Steve Eyres. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was to approve amending the agenda. Eric Bassett made a motion to amend, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

Mayor Barth called new councilmen forward. He administered the Oath of Office to Kent Miller and then to Eric Bassett.

Roll Call was read with the following persons in attendance: Mayor Michael Barth; Council Members Kent Miller, Toni Egly, Eric Bassett, Charlie Martin, and Ron Beverly; Solicitor Rachel Hammersmith and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Administrator Cory Wann was absent.

Candidates for the council seat (left vacant when Michael Barth came in as mayor) were invited to speak to the council. The council heard from Robert Bailey Jr., John Hart and Christopher Warner. Jeff Gerhart came to the last meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes from the December 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Charlie Martin. Martin, Bassett, Egly and Beverly voted yes. Miller abstained.

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

**Boards & Commissions:** No minutes were submitted.

**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 was absent.

**Solicitor's Report:**

First reading of **Ordinance 2024-01** by caption only to rezone Lot 55 Edgerton's First Addition and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Charlie Martin. Bassett, Egly, Martin and Miller voted yes. Beverly voted no. Second and final reading of Resolution 2024-01 by caption only. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

First reading of **Ordinance 2024-02** by caption only to rezone Lot 80 Auditor's Plat and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Kent Miller. Bassett, Egly, Martin and Miller voted yes. Beverly voted no. Second and final reading of Resolution 2024-02 by caption only. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

First reading of **Ordinance 2024-03** by caption only to rezone Lots 171 and 172 of Auditor's Plat and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Toni Egly. Bassett, Egly, Martin and Miller voted yes. Beverly voted no. Second and final reading of Resolution 2024-03 by caption only. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2024-01** by caption only to express support for the Enterprise Zone Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and NEMCO Food Equipment and declaring an emergency. Charlie Martin made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. Bassett, Egly, Martin and Miller voted yes. Beverly voted no. Second and final reading of Resolution 2024-04 by caption only. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** Mark Denning reported the K-9 unit should cost less than \$2,000.00 to operate annually. Jennifer Caryer has started work as the Police Dept. Administrative Clerk and is getting along great. Amanda Moninger will begin as Mayor's Court Clerk beginning January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire/EMS Chief:** Bruce Hart was present. He asked for an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation due to the current situation with the department.

**Park Director:** Val Shull had no report. The park has closed down for the year.

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

- Fund Status / Cash Summary (Revenue & Expenditures)
- December Utility, Income Tax and Police Department Collections Reports.
- Letter from Mink Solar

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Barth thanked the Fire/EMS Department for “keeping it together” and the public for their patience.

At 6:30 pm Charlie Martin made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

At 7:15 pm the council returned to regular session. No action was taken. The Police/Fire/EMS Committee will meet Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Council adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer