

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, February 12th 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, who followed by an invocation. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The subject of the meeting was to hear from Michelle Davis from Medicount, an EMS billing company.

Ms. Davis began with a short talk about the company. It is based in Ohio but has over 400 clients in Michigan, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and West Virginia as well. They have been in business for 25 years. Defiance, Paulding and Sherwood are clients. The employees are set up in teams and all have continuing education. Every aspect of the billing process will be kept up to date beginning with credentialing, validations, licensing, etc. The dollars collected are sent to the village monthly with a 7% deduction for their fee. If an account is uncollectible it is sent to the Ohio Attorney General for collection. Medicount is a billing agency, not a collection company. After setup they will bill all the runs made since December. Council asked questions - some of the responses were:

- If the hospital closes the only change will be to mileage (increases).
- EMT's will not have to get face sheets from the hospital - they will go directly to Medicount.
- The contract would run 4 years and it is non-negotiable.
- If a contract is signed they can be up and running in 30 to 45 days.

Ms. Davis handed out books with policies and procedures as well as samples of the reports available. An interface will need to be established with ESO (the EMS reporting software). Transactions will then be online. Reports can be downloaded from the site through the Client Portal. There will also be a Patient Portal where patients can make payments and see their reports/invoices.

The council members thanked Ms. Davis for coming and were very impressed with her presentation. They will get back in touch when a decision is made.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Council adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer