

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
ANNUAL JOINT MEETING WITH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Council met in Council Chambers. If not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask.

The Joint Meeting was called to order and a prayer was offered by Mayor Mike Barth followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was read with the following in attendance: Mayor Mike Barth: Council Members Charlie Martin, Kent Miller, Toni Egly, Rob Bailey, Eric Bassett and Ron Beverly; Solicitor Rachel Hammersmith; and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Administrator Cory Wann was absent. Township Trustees Zane Zeedyk, John McCalla and Josh Metz were also in attendance.

Trustees reported on some projects happening this year and next year. They will be widening Stateline Road from 68N to Spencerville. Lake Road will get some work done, also Jericho between Lake and Clemmer. The ditches will be worked on depending on the weather. Next year Casebeer Miller Rd will be widened. Mr. McCalla said they are patching as needed, which produces better results when paving is done.

At 6:05 Charlie Martin made a motion to adjourn the Joint Meeting, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

The Regular Meeting was called to order.

Mayor Barth called Retired Fire Chief Bruce Hart up front to receive a plaque commemorating his 38 years of service and wished him well on his retirement from the department.

Richard Fox was on hand to address council on the following subjects:

1. He still wants to know who is liable if someone is injured on his property if it is icy. He previously reported to the council that the street is a higher level than his driveway due to paving material build up over the years.
2. He spoke with the Cemetery Sexton and was told cemetery employees do not clean off the sidewalk when covered with leaves or snow and ice.
3. There are still speeders on Bryan St.
4. There is a gas truck driving through residential streets and that is not safe. Can't the village stop it? Chief Denning told him he cannot cite the driver because there is no signage making it a violation. The Chief said he and the Administrator have had discussions about this matter already.

Minutes from the April 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Toni Egly. Bailey, Egly, Beverly, Martin and Miller voted yes. Bassett abstained.

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

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

**Council Committees:** The **Finance Committee** met April 18<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. Minutes were in the packets. The discussion centered on 2025 budgets. Department heads were told budgets will be expected on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>. If any equipment purchases are being considered they need to look into the age, maintenance records and life of existing items. A minimum of 2 quotes will be

expected. They are also to look into government and first responder discounts. Administrator Cory Wann will have a document to share listing various threshold amounts for purchases. The May meeting was to set a salary amount for the new Fire Chief position. The committee will recommend to full council that it will be \$10,000 a year. Further responsibilities may justify higher pay in the future.

The **Ordinance Committee** met April 29<sup>th</sup>. Minutes were in the packets. Several ordinances were discussed, and amendments will be put before full council.

Jared Radford, the new Zoning Official, was asked by Ron Beverly if he had a “plan” yet on how he was going to handle certain parts of his job. Radford said he has made the “sidewalk replacement” cycle run from May to May each year. He will also do the village in quadrants using the same areas as bulk trash pick-up and leaf pick-up. He will use the website and utility billing to notify residents. Beverly wanted to know how the new person (Kody Burlingame) was getting along mowing. Radford said he has been watching and he appears to be meticulous about how he mows. It has been so wet the grass is getting out of hand and then mowing gets slowed down due to the rain. Burlingame has been putting in long hours trying to get caught up.

*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 had a written report as follows:

Vernon Nagel has completed all the ground and infrastructure work on the splash pad. Astro Pools and Mel Lanzer Construction will now start on the pump house and piping for the pad.

We had the bid opening for the water tower demolition with the winning bid going to Baumann Enterprises in the amount of \$82,777.00, they plan to have the tower demoed by mid-June.

Dangler Excavating has completed all of the water service line replacements in Meadow Lane and Beverly Dr. and has started doing yard restorations in the area. Ohio Asphalt started milling on Friday and will be milling Dixon Ave as well. Paving is scheduled for both locations for Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>.

All of the fencing around the tennis court has been removed in order for R&C Fence to install the new fencing on Wednesday weather permitting.

Aqua Line will be here on Monday-Wednesday to perform a water distribution system leak survey for the Village. The previous survey was done in April 2021.

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**Solicitor's Report:**

Final reading of **Ordinance 2024-08** by caption only to amend appropriations. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

First reading of **Ordinance 2024-10** by caption only to amend pay ranges and declaring an emergency. Toni Egly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2024-10 by caption only. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. Bassett, Beverly, Bailey, Egly and Martin voted yes. Miller voted no.

First reading of **Resolution 2024-11** by caption only to enter into a contract with Baumann Enterprises Inc for the Water Tower Demolition Project and declaring an emergency. Charlie Martin made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final

reading of Resolution 2024-11 by caption only. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** *Mark Denning reported the MARCS tower is about 60 to 90 days out. The Commissioners hands are tied - it's up to the State now.*

**Fire/EMS Chief:** *Interim Chief Stacy Lemper reported the pagers have arrived. They can be used with either tower (VHF or MARCS).*

*The council was given quotes for either moving the old repeater behind the library (\$6875.00) or installing a new repeater on the tower behind the Fire Hall (\$14566.43). Lemper reminded Council that the repeater not only serves the Fire/EMS but the weather sirens and Farmer Township Fire Department as well. The old unit is 25+ years old. The new installation includes a battery back-up. Charlie Martin made a motion to install a new repeater, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.*

*Deputy Chief EMS Bruce Silcott said Unit 511 is out of commission once again. It is unplugged for safety reasons. To send to shop for a repair quote is \$135.00 an hour and \$300.00 to pick it up. Silcott has gotten quotes for 3 ambulances. 2 will not be ready until the fall of this year. The other can be delivered immediately. It will be here Thursday in case anyone wants to come over to see it. The price tag is a little over \$271,000.00.*

**Park Director:** *Val Shull had no report.*

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

- Fund Status / Cash Summary (Revenue & Expenditures).
- April Income Tax, Utility and Mayor's Court Collections Reports.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Mediacom Franchise Fee Report

**Mayor's Report:** The mayor included information about ethics training in the packets.

Mayor Barth reported there was a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new Splashpad. The Hicksville Foundation members, various donors and architects and engineers were on hand.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes. Council adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer