

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday June 3rd 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 a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the May 20th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes.

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

Boards & Commissions: The **Planning Commission** met May 23rd to consider a lot split application for Lot 39 of the Hillbrook Estates Subdivision. Minutes were in the packets.

Council Committees: The **Finance Committee** met tonight at 5 pm to watch a presentation on the proposed Taser program for the Police Department.

The **Ordinance Committee** will meet June 5th at 5:30 pm in council chambers.

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: Cory Wann had no report. He was asked about golf carts using the cement pad to park. He has ordered new signs, but they have not been received yet. Wann reported they are having problems at the Defiance area lift station - it has been plugged by wash cloths with the VanCrest logo.

Solicitor's Report: No legislation pending.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: Mark Denning had no report. He gave council copies of the May Calls and Cases reports. Smith reported the new K9 officer "Echo" has graduated and is now on duty. He has already helped locate a missing juvenile. He will be at the next meeting to meet council members.

Fire/EMS Chief: Darrick Crochran gave the floor to EMS Deputy Chief Bruce Silcott who proposed his son Brandon Silcott to join both the Fire and EMS services. Chief Crochran then introduced 5 young men who have been approved to join the Fire Department. They are Aiden Champion, Gabriel Layne, Jeff Wappelhorst, Chase Railing and Brandon Hamilton. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve the hiring, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

The chief has spoken with a grant writer. He proposes we apply for a grant to replace the oldest tanker and the ladder truck with a "quint" (its name is due to having 5 separate functions on one unit). Grants are available for AED replacement and installing a new exhaust system. The main

item to concentrate on is gear. Some gear will expire this year and will need to be replaced. The new firemen will also need to be outfitted for their class.

EMS Deputy Chief Silcott reported the test repeater will be installed and left in place until our new one is received. It has a lead time of about 16 weeks. Silcott has spoken with the Fire Chief at Farmer. He will be taking the question of helping to pay for the new repeater to his department and let us know. Silcott also reported on Unit 511. It has been returned from 1st Response who fixed some electrical issues. It does have an oil leak. He is taking it into Jim Schmidt this week to be looked at. Finally, since the closing of CMH EMS run times now average 90 minutes to 2 hours.

Park Director: Val Shull had no report.

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

- Fund Status / Cash Summary (Revenue & Expenditures).
- May Utility and Income Tax Reports.
- Letter from Mediacom.
- Smith asked council to approve moving April Allen from Assistant Clerk to Assistant Fiscal Officer. She will still be part-time. Rob Bailey made a motion to approve, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Barth announced the first of the Concert Series held outside the Huber patio will be June 6th at 5:30 pm. There will be music by Maddie Lawson and a food truck. The theme is "Ladies Night" with several shops staying open for evening shopping. The concert on June 20th will be "Kids Night."

He offered congratulations to the Seniors graduating this year.

At 6:35 pm Kent Miller made a motion to go into executive session to speak about land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

Council returned to open session at 6:45 pm with no further action taken.

Charlie Martin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes. Council adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer