

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday July 15th 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 by Pastor Steve Eyers and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Laurie Konopka was unable to attend tonight.

Minutes from the July 1st 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. Ron Beverly made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions: No minutes were submitted.

Council Committees: No minutes were submitted. The Finance Committee met July 10th and July 15th. Charlie Martin gave a verbal report to council members. The discussion centered on the purchase of a new ambulance and installation of a new pool. The committee recommends paying cash for the ambulance by looking at general fund accounts that may have excess funds in their budget this year. Because we have been (unofficially) notified the village has received a grant from the State for \$750,000.00, the committee recommends that council look at possibly re-bidding the pool project. Members agreed with both recommendations. The pool question will be revisited when "hard" numbers can be presented.

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 the following report:

Hohenbrink has completed all of the water main replacement work, along with new service lines, hydrants, valves and removal of all older valves and hydrants. They will be trench patching for the time being until Gerken Paving can get to town to mill and repave the 2 streets.

Baumann Enterprises is to be mobilizing equipment on July 19th – July 22nd. Crane work is to be done July 24-25 the timeline for the entire project is 2 weeks, weather permitting.

We have received ODH approval on everything for the splash pad including the double slide feature, as of now there is not anything else we are waiting on.

CSX rail crossings have all been setup with temporary hand rails and walls in order for work to be done. All new rails have been installed at all of the overpasses here in town, not sure what other work will be done CSX does not communicate very well and there are multiple entities involved. I am still waiting to hear more back from CSX.

Solicitor's Report:

- Final reading of **Ordinance 2024-11** by caption only to amend Chapter 951 regarding refuse collection. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.
- Final reading of **Ordinance 2024-12** by caption only to amend regulation of public nuisances. Rob Bailey made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- Final reading of **Ordinance 2024-13** by caption only to amend the sidewalk ordinance. Rob Bailey made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning reported the MARCS tower fiber optics are installed. It should be ready in 2 to 4 weeks.*

Fire/EMS Chief: *Darrick Crochran has been in contact with Mickey Smith, who is a FEMA grant writer. He wants the PFE Committee to set a date and time for the ZOOM meeting. He has 11 recruits for the Fireman I class in August. Safety Week is in August – the department will be working with various industries with fire suppression, etc. There will be a community event at McDonald's and the department will interact with the kids..*

EMS Chief Bruce Silcott reported the ambulance will be delivered Tuesday. Graphics and radios will be applied and installed in the next 2 weeks. The latest date for getting it on the road is the end of the month. A meeting took place with the Delaware Chief about County Fair coverage. Details will be forthcoming. 510 needs an oil change – Ron Beverly said for Silcott to call Sherwood to cover for a couple hours and get it in the shop for service before it blows up.

Park Director: *No report.*

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

- Fund Status / Cash Summary (Revenue & Expenditures).
- June Mayor's Court and Police Department Collection Reports

There is a request for a new liquor permit in Hicksville by Hershberger Fine Foods. Council had no objection but would like more details on what this specific permit would entail. Smith will report what she finds.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Barth announced the next in the Concert Series at the Huber will be July 18th at 5:30 pm. The theme is Craft Night and will have craft vendors and food trucks as well as music by Dave Bussing.
- Mayor Barth announced a Town Hall Meeting to be held at the Huber on July 31st at 6 pm. This will afford residents of Hicksville a place to voice their opinions, concerns and comments on recreational marijuana being legalized in Ohio, and how it may concern the village.
- He is working on updating our Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- Soon he will form a new committee to plan the 150-year celebration that takes place in 2025.
- Thursday, Jul 20th representatives from JOBS Ohio will meet to do a "site visit" to encourage industry to come to NW Ohio.

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