

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 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, Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; Administrator Cory Wann; Solicitor Rachel Hammersmith; Council Members Rob Bailey, Toni Egly, Eric Bassett, Ron Beverly, Charlie Martin, and Kent Miller.

The agenda was amended to change *Ordinance* 2024-22 to *Resolution* 2024-22. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve amending, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes.

Minutes from the October 7<sup>th</sup> 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:** No meetings were scheduled.

**Council Committees:**

The **Finance Committee** met October 24<sup>th</sup> - No minutes were available.

*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 no report. Eric Bassett asked about a leaf schedule. Wann said it has not been set up yet. They will be sucking leaves by quadrant and will provide maps of the village.

**Solicitor's Report:**

Second reading of **Ordinance 2024-17** by caption only to add employee holidays.

Second reading of **Ordinance 2024-18** by caption only to allow employees to be compensated for certain accumulated vacation credits.

First reading of **Ordinance 2024-20** by caption only to amend water rates.

First reading of **Ordinance 2024-21** by caption only to amend refuse rates.

First reading of **Ordinance 2024-22** by caption only to amend sewer rates.

Second reading of **Resolution 2024-22** by caption only to amend the Investment Policy.

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** Mark Denning reported he has taken citizen complaints that frisbees from the new course have been coming over the property line and landing in his yard. Can we look into moving the closest goal? Officer Andrew Fritch will be returning to full-time on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire/EMS Chief:** Darrick Crochran reported 504 is back in service. Tim Coon (the training officer) will be setting up scenarios for the firemen. Crochran has applied for the SIG grant

*for equipment. The employees who need turnout gear will be fitted in the upcoming weeks. The old gear that is obsolete or expired has been moved to the municipal building basement until it can be disposed of.*

*EMS Chief Bruce Silcott reported there have been 580 calls this year (539 in 2023) - with 12 over the weekend, making 47 for the month. He has issues with his back and will be having therapy for the next 5 weeks. If it doesn't work his doctor recommends surgery. He will keep the council informed.*

*There was extended discussion between the council and Chief Silcott about personnel, schedules, wages and EMTs not responding to calls. He said he has heard that Sherwood wants to begin billing Hicksville for calling them when no local EMTs are available. Apparently, Sheriff Engel has been addressing the crisis while speaking with Defiance County fire departments. Hicksville has 7 firemen in class to become EMTs but won't qualify until around March of 2025.*

**Park Director:** No report.

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

- Fund Status Report/ Cash Summary by fund.

**Mayor's Report:**

- Halloween Trick or Treating will be Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm to 6 pm.
- The contract with Verizon has been finalized and is waiting on signatures.

Ron Beverly made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss employee discipline at 7:00. The motion was seconded by Eric Bassett. Egly, Bassett, Beverly, Martin and Miller voted yes. Bailey voted no.

The council asked the council clerk to leave so time in session, the time of return to regular council and time and vote for adjournment was not recorded.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

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Michael Barth, Mayor