

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 18th 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 Toni Egly, Eric Bassett, Ron Beverly, Charlie Martin, and Kent Miller. Councilman Rob Bailey was absent.

Minutes from the November 4th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

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

Boards & Commissions: No meetings were scheduled.

Council Committees: No meetings were scheduled.

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:

Project and Community Updates:

1. **Water Main Valve Replacements:**
 - o All **six valves** have been successfully replaced by JDY Excavating.
 - o Asphalt repairs are scheduled within the next few days.
2. **Pool Project:**
 - o Current construction estimate: **\$3,058,000.00**.
 - o Out to bid, with a site visit for bidders on **November 5th at 1:30 PM**.
 - o Bid due date: **November 14th**.
 - o As of now, substantial completion projected for **June 6th, 2025**.
3. **Industrial Drive Farm Lease:**
 - o Bidding was held on **October 29th**.
 - o Zeedyk Farms awarded the lease for **19.25 acres**.
4. **Pavilion Updates:**
 - o New bathroom partitions installation scheduled for **this Wednesday**.
 - o Additional plumbing work and painting will also be done over the next week.
5. **Leaf Pickup:**
 - o Service started in the **NW sector** today, running until **December 13th**.
 - o Leaf route maps are available at the Municipal building in the Utility clerk's office.

6. **Truck Deliveries:**

- Delivery of two F-350 dump trucks completed; everything is functioning well.
- Two older dump trucks to be listed on Gov.Deals soon, after removing some items.
- Two new F-250 utility trucks are in the ordering queue, with hopes for early spring delivery.

7. **Fence Replacement:**

- The fence in the alley between the Fire Department and the Municipal building has been replaced due to an accident involving a delivery truck.

8. **Light Poles:**

- The light pole by Premier Bank is still in the manufacturing process.
- The light pole on Industrial Drive, which was knocked down by a delivery truck, has an estimated lead time of **18 weeks**.

Solicitor's Report:

Final reading of **Ordinance 2024-20** by caption only to amend water rates. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

Final reading of **Ordinance 2024-21** by caption only to amend refuse rates. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

Final reading of **Ordinance 2024-22** by caption only to amend sewer rates. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Second reading of **Ordinance 2024-23** by caption only to establish pay ranges for 2025.

Second reading of **Ordinance 2024-25** by caption only - Annual Appropriations for 2025.

First reading of **Ordinance 2024-26** by caption only to amend OP&F pension appropriations 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 Ordinance 2024-26 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Charlie Martin. Bassett, Egly, Martin and Miller voted yes. Beverly voted no.

First reading of **Resolution 2024-23** by caption only to authorize an easement to AEP Electric at the Splashpad site and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2024-23 by caption only. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: Mark Denning asked council how he is supposed to handle the complaints about the Frisbee Golf Course and frisbees flying into residents' yards - they are trespassing when to cross the line to recover the discs. Solicitor Hammersmith is looking into case law. If someone buys property adjacent to a golf course (for example) they assume the risk of having golf balls coming into their yard. In this case, the residents were there first and the frisbee course was put in later. Councilman Bassett asked about signs saying "No Trespassing."

Fire/EMS Chief: Darrick Crochran talked about the negativity he heard after the fire that recently occurred. He said he saw no problem with the response and thanked every department that showed up that night. The Chief gave an update on the FEMA grant and the purchase of turnout gear.

EMS Chief Bruce Silcott reported 630 runs for the year, with 29 runs in November so far. \$107,000 has been collected. He passed the test after his instructor class. Rebecca Somers will be moved from part time to full time Monday, and Cloey Whitman will move from part time to full time in 2025. He may have another Williams County EMT (Eric McClain) interested in working part time. Ron Beverly made a motion to hire Mr. McClain, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

Park Director: No report.

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

- Fund Status Report/ Cash Summary by fund.

The floor was open to talk about the pay rate and appropriation ordinances since the Fiscal Officer would be gone for the final vote December 2nd. Smith reminded council members she is always available to answer questions and hopes none of them would vote no just because they don't understand something.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Barth reported the agreement for the new road in Industrial Park should be ready to sign shortly.

Christmas for Kids applications are out now. The deadline is November 25th.

Christmas Cruise Thru is open and needs volunteers. Anyone interested can contact the mayor.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Date:_____

Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

Michael Barth, Mayor