

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, December 2nd, 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, Assistant Fiscal Officer April Allen; Administrator Cory Wann; Solicitor Rachel Hammersmith; Council Members Toni Egly, Eric Bassett, Ron Beverly, Charlie Martin, Kent Miller, and Rob Bailey. Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith was absent.

Kristie Mack from the Defiance Visitor's Bureau was present to address the Council tonight. She was here to introduce Defiance Development and Visitor's Bureau and what the DDVB mission is. The DDVB is looking to see if council and the Village would like to help with the cost of the Video production they are putting together to help promote Defiance County. Discussion was had about what the cost would be, for the remainder of 2024 it is \$750 and \$1500 for 2025. All the Council and the Mayor agreed it was a good idea for the Village to look into it. The Mayor said he would get with Cheryl when she gets back to see if we can move forward on it, and he will get back with Kristie on this.

Minutes from the November 18th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Charlie Martin. Martin, Bassett, Egly, Miller, and Beverly voted yes. Bailey abstained.

A list of bills to be paid was presented. Ron Beverly asked about the \$160 line item for the port a john in the winter and if they were going to keep them. They left it up to Cory. Charlie Martin made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions: Notice of a Public Meeting for a variance application December 18th @ 4pm in the Zoning Office at 108 N. Main St.

Council Committees:

The **Finance Committee** met November 22nd-Minutes are in the Packet.

The **Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee** met on November 18th; Cheryl has the minutes. They discussed a sewer rate adjustment that was filled out and was denied. The adjustment was by Pastor Steve Eyers, he was asking for sewer portion to be adjusted to the highest bill it was in the last 12 months and the committee agreed to honor it.

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. Leaves are still being collected until December 13th. Cory asked the council about Allen Schooley being able to get paid out for his vacation hours because he is about to get more, and it is use it or he will lose it. Bassett said that it was passed and in the updated personnel manual, and council stated the ordinance passed and it is the Law.

Solicitor's Report:

Final reading of **Ordinance 2024-23** by caption only to establish pay ranges in 2025. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Charlie Martin. Bassett, Martin, Miller, Egly, and Bailey voted yes. Beverly voted No.

Final reading of **Ordinance 2024-25** by caption only- Annual Appropriations. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Rob Bailey. Martin, Bailey, Beverly, Egly, Bassett voted yes. Miller voted no.

Department Heads: all absent

Police Chief: *No report.*

Fire/EMS Chief: *No report.*

Park Director: *No report.*

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

- Fund Status Report/ Cash Summary by fund.

Cory gave an update on the pool it is going back out to bid and has a few contractors interested in it.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Barth asks if you got an Income survey from Maumee Valley to please fill it out and get it sent back in; he stated that it helps us get grants and it is anonymous.

Mayor Barth hopes everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

Events happening in December:

- The kids Christmas with the Fire Dept; and he wants to thank them for all the hard work on that.
- Elf Jr play is at The Huber this weekend.
- Christ Cupboard is doing their annual food drive this time of year; you can send monetary donations to Christ Cupboard PO Box 323 Hicksville, Ohio 43526; or in person at Farmers and Merchants Bank in care of Christ Cupboard name; they are providing food for about 150 people.
- Christmas Cruise Thru is now open at the fairgrounds from 6-9pm and on the weekends; they have special events going. They need volunteers. Anyone interested can contact the mayor.

The mayor would like to thank the Street Dept, The Cruise thru, the Beautification Committee, and the village for decorating the downtown this holiday season. It looks really nice.

Charlie Martin would like to thank the Police Department for the way they have handled recent incidents and making everyone feel safe.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Date: _____

Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer
April Allen, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Michael Barth, Mayor