

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, January 6th, 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. He opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nominations were opened for Council President. Eric Bassett nominated Kent Miller, seconded by Rob Bailey. Miller accepted the nomination, and a roll call vote was unanimous.

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, Kent Miller, and Rob Bailey.

Resident Richard Fox was present and addressed council about the possibility of installing a Port-a-John at the park for the winter months.

Minutes from the December 16th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

A list of bills that was preapproved in December was included in the packets.

Boards & Commissions:

The Board of Zoning Appeals met December 18th and approved a sign variance application. Minutes were in the packets.

The Board of Zoning Appeals met December 19th and approved a lot split application. Minutes were in the packets.

Council Committees:

The Police/Fire/EMS Committee met December 2nd. Minutes were presented tonight.

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 did report the street sweeper and 2 dump trucks had been put on Gov.Deals. The new street sweeper has been ordered and will be delivered in the spring. Live Christmas trees can be set out at the curb for pick up.

Solicitor's Report:

First reading of **Ordinance 2025-01** by caption only to amend appropriations and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2025-01 by caption only. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

First reading of **Ordinance 2025-02** by caption only to amend pay rates and declaring an emergency. Charlie Martin made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2025-02 by caption only. Charlie Martin

made a motion to approve, seconded by Rob Bailey. Bailey, Egly, Bassett, Martin and Miller voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning had his calls and cases report for December.*

Fire/EMS Chief: *(Fire) Darrick Crochran reported the paperwork for the FEMA grant has been completed. (EMS) Bruce Silcott had a 2024 Year End Report included in the packets.*

Park Director: *No report.*

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

- Fund Status Report/ Cash Summary by fund.
- Appropriation Status Summary for 2024 by department.
- December Income Tax, Utility, Mayors Court and Police Department Collections Reports.
- November and December Revolving Loan Reports.
- Annual Donations Reports.
- Smith reported to council that a health screening by HLS Occ Health LLC has been scheduled for February 26 to March 1 at the Pavilion. It will be open to the public. She asked council to approve paying for employees who wish to participate. The cost is \$65.00 per blood panel. Additionally, at the employee’s cost of \$30.00 each, they can have the A1C, Vitamin D, PSA and Hepatitis B test as well. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.
- Smith also asked for names to fill the Volunteer Firefighter Dependents Fund Board. It consists of 2 firefighters, 2 councilmen and one volunteer from the village. Councilmen Charlie Martin and Rob Bailey volunteered. Firemen will be announced later.
- Smith reminded council they need to renew the contract for the Solicitor.

At 6:25 Ron Beverly asked for an executive session to discuss hiring personnel, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Council returned to regular session at 6:35.

Charlie Martin made a motion to approve hiring Christopher Warner as a fireman, seconded by Eric Bassett. Bailey, Egly, Bassett, Martin and Miller voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Barth reminded council of the housing meeting with Defiance County CIC, Maumee Valley Planning, the Commissioners and Justin Kuhn to be held at 5:30 Tuesday January 14th in council chambers.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Date: _____

Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

Michael Barth, Mayor