

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, February 3rd, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Barth. He opened the meeting with 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; Council Members Toni Egly, Eric Bassett, Kent Miller, and Rob Bailey. Councilmen Charlie Martin and Ron Beverly and Solicitor Rachel Hammersmith were absent.

Minutes from the January 21st Regular Council Meeting were presented. Rob Bailey made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Kent Miller. All voted yes.

A list of bills to be approved was presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve the bills, except for the one for Lexipol, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes. Rick Evans from the Fire Department was asked about the Lexipol program. He said the Fire Department does not use the program. It was instituted under Chief Scott Cramer but never utilized. Police Chief Mark Denning said he has offered to show the Fire Chief (Bruce Hart) how it works, but he was not successful. The Police Department also has Lexipol and uses it. The policies are compliant with state and federal laws and the site has daily policy bulletins/training notices.

Boards & Commissions:

The Planning Commission met on January 23rd to approve a lot split on Meuse Argonne. Meeting minutes were in the packets.

Council Committees:

The **Finance Committee** met on January 30th to discuss proposed projects and how they might be financed. Minutes from the meeting were in the packets. 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 the following report:

1. Nuisance Board Hearing

- **Scheduled Date:** February 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM
- **Location:** Village Municipal Building
- **Subject:** Property located at **115 Dixon Ave**

2. Park Director Interviews

- Interviews for the position of the new park director are set to begin next week.

3. Pool Construction Project

- **Current Status:** Sixmo is collaborating with the potential General Contractor (GC) on

- **Addendum C** to provide a finalized cost for pool construction.
- **Bid Details:** The initial bid for the pool construction was **\$3.4 million**.
- **Challenges:** Due to **the Ohio Department of Commerce regulations**, revisions are required and will be implemented to keep the project as close to the original bid amount as possible.

4. Defiance Ave Lift Station

- **Current Action:** Choice Once is working on providing a cost estimate for the **Defiance Ave Lift Station**
- **Next Steps:** Depending on the cost estimate, funding applications may be pursued. Due to cutting all the extras and just focusing on the station itself the project maybe possible to happen without grant funding. I am still waiting to get an estimate to line 500ft of the Oak St sanitary main.

5. Income Survey Results

- **Survey Outcome:** The recent income survey returned a result of **53.3%**, making the project eligible for **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** funds.
- **Funding Considerations:** While eligible for CDBG funds, the application cannot be made until later this fall, which would delay the construction start timeline to **spring 2026**.

Solicitor's Report:

Second reading of **Resolution 2025-01** by caption only authorizing the sale of unneeded, obsolete or unfit Village personal property including by internet auction for the calendar year 2025.

First reading of **Resolution 2025-03** authorizing the Fiscal Officer to prepare and apply to KS StateBank to finance turnout gear purchased from Phoenix Safety Outfitters and to execute contracts as required and declaring an emergency. No vote due to no quorum.

First reading of **Resolution 2025-04** by caption only appointing Michael Barth and Cory Wann to serve on the Defiance County Tax Incentive Review Council on behalf of the Village of Hicksville and declaring an emergency. No vote due to no quorum.

Department Heads:

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

Fire/EMS Chief: *(Fire) Darrick Crochran was absent.
(EMS) Bruce Silcott was absent but had a written report for January.*

Park Director: *No report.*

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

- January Fund Status and Cash Summary Report
- January Income Tax and Utility Collections Reports
- Cemetery 2024 Cash Flow Summary, 2025 Budget and Request for Increase (tabled due to lack of quorum).
- Mediacom Franchise Fee Report for 4th quarter of 2024.
- Police Department Pay-in for January.

- Ohio Gas billing for January by department.
- Request by Dollar General to approve liquor license (tabled due to lack of quorum).

On the desk tonight was a copy of the minutes from a meeting the Commissioners held on January 14th with village officials and Justin Kuhn about a proposed housing project. Also was a copy of the legal opinion Solicitor Hammersmith researched concerning the process.

The Financial Statement for 2024 has been completed and was sent to the Ohio Auditor's office today. Copies are available from the Fiscal Officer.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Barth and Cory Wann will be attending the TIRC meeting Friday. The mayor has been in contact with the Bradley Group who is handling the listing of the hospital building as a healthcare facility. It has been listed on the Economic Development of Defiance County's website.

Mayor Barth said the agreement with Verizon concerning the road to the tower is complete. He would like to see an agreement with Keller before signing it.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Date: _____

Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

Michael Barth, Mayor