

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday August 4th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Barth. The meeting opened with a prayer and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following present: Mayor Michael Barth; Council Members Toni Egly, Ron Beverly, Kent Miller, Charlie Martin, Eric Bassett, and Rob Bailey; Administrator Cory Wann; and Assistant Fiscal Officer April Allen. Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith was absent.

Minutes from the July 21st Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve seconded by Charlie Martin. Bailey, Bassett, Egly, Miller, and Martin voted yes; Beverly abstained.

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

Boards & Commissions: **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING (2)**

August 14th at 6 pm in Council Chambers to hear application for Lot Split (321 Chicago Avenue)

August 21st at 6 pm in Council Chambers to hear application for Zoning Variance (S Main St)

Council Committees: No meetings held.

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 reported the following:

- Oak street paving project is approximately 90% completed; final paving will resume once Defiance Avenue lift station piping is tied into Oak St.
- Street patching is scheduled to be completed this week.
- The Elm Street water main replacement project is officially underway.
- Ward Construction has been designated as the contractor responsible for paving after all infrastructure work is completed.
- Cory will be meeting with Jewell Grain to review drainage concerns.
- Water service line repair was done at 827 E High St.
- Field 3 had some work done to it at the ball fields.
- Cory wanted to thank the Police, firefighters, EMS, and everyone that helped during the flood we had.

Mayor introduced Shawn O'Donnell, the Law Director from City of Defiance; He introduced himself and talked about taking over our criminal cases.

Mayor also introduced Avery Demland whose firm is looking into our offer to be the solicitor for the Village.

Solicitor's Report:

Second, Third and Final reading of **Ordinance 2025-13** by caption only to retain legal counsel from the City of Defiance, Ohio in prosecuting all misdemeanor criminal and traffic cases coming before the Defiance Municipal Court, and any appellate courts, thereafter, arising out of alleged violations of the traffic and criminal statutes of the State

of Ohio and/or Ordinances of the Village of Hicksville ~~and declaring an emergency~~. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

Second reading of **Resolution 2025-14** by caption only to enter an agreement with the Defiance County Commissioners for the recovery of monies expended for providing legal counsel to indigent persons for the calendar year 2026.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning Wednesday, when we got all the rain, it came through the walls and flooded the PD; all the flooring had been ripped out and the roof was leaking in the garage and they both need to be replaced. Insurance will not pay because we do not have flood insurance.*

Wants to know if he should move forward with the sealing of the driveway that was budgeted for this year or not. Council gave their blessing to have it sealed and to get quotes about the damage and the roofs.

He interviewed 2 people and has a third one to set up; might be part-time.

They will schedule a personnel meeting to meet with Mark.

Fire Chief: *Darrick Crochran had no report.*

EMS Chief: *Please see Exhibit A.*

Bruce Silcott says he received a \$5400 grant to help with classes; Discussion was held with Council on who would receive the money towards their classes.

Bruce wants to hire Tim Theurig out of Edon as an EMT; he is currently serving Williams County and has 20 years in Ohio and years in New York and Wisconsin.

Mayor Recommended Tim Theurig to be approved. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve Seconded by Rob Bailey. All Voted yes.

Discussion with Bruce and council on the classes coming up that he will be teaching; also talk about the budget and getting with Cheryl about this.

Park Director: *Christina Tadsen had no report.*

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

- Current Fund Status and Cash Summary Report.
- July Income Tax and Utility Collections Reports.
- July Mayor's Court and Report.
- Mediacom 2nd Quarter Franchise Fees.

Mayor's Report:

- The Mayor Recommended Rick Contreras to replace Megan Cover who resigned on the Planning Commission. Rob Bailey made a motion to approve, Seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- Thursday, August 7th @ 5pm in the council chambers the Defiance County Commissioners will be holding a Sales Tax Public Forum.

- Thanked everyone who helped with the flood; Police, Fire, EMS, and Residents.
- Reminded everyone of the last of the summer concert series on Thursday, August 7 @ 5:30 at the Huber Patio and its ladies' night also.
- Defiance County Fair kicks off a week from Saturday on August 16th.¹ Hope everyone comes out and supports and enjoys the fair.

At 6:44 Ron Beverly made a motion to go into executive session to discuss hiring personnel, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes.

Council returned to regular session at 7:00 pm. No further action was taken.

At 7:01 pm Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

April Allen, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Michael Barth, Mayor