

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday August 18th, 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, Kent Miller, Eric Bassett, and Rob Bailey; Administrator Cory Wann; and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Councilmen Ron Beverly and Charlie Martin were absent.  
(Note: Ron Beverly came in late).

Grace Nye from *Yours Truly Aesthetics* was invited by the mayor to introduce herself and her new business to council. She gave a talk about her background and then invited everyone to visit her shop on High Street.

Minutes from the August 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes.

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

**Boards & Commissions:** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

**Council Committees:** Finance Committee met August 7<sup>th</sup>. Minutes in the packets.

Personnel Committee met August 7<sup>th</sup>. Minutes in the packets.

*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](mailto:hixcs@defnet.com). All council meetings are shown on YouTube, and minutes are on the website.*

**Administrator's Report:** Cory Wann reported the following:

***Defiance Avenue House Demolition:***

*The house slated for demolition on Defiance Avenue was originally scheduled to be taken down in June. However, due to contractor delays, the project is behind schedule. The contractor has indicated they may begin work in the very near future.*

***El Grande Estates – Water Meter Replacement:***

*I am currently obtaining quotes for the replacement of the 6" water meter and associated valves at El Grande Estates. The existing meter does not function properly, and both valves are inoperable.*

***Defiance Avenue Pump Station Project:***

*Construction of the Defiance Avenue pump station will commence following the conclusion of the fair. The project is expected to take approximately two months to complete.*

***Wastewater Treatment Plant – Dewatering Press:***

*Three engineering proposals were received for the design of a much-needed dewatering press at the wastewater treatment plant. Wessler Engineering submitted the most cost-effective proposal and will be providing an Engineer's Estimate soon. This will support our application for grant funding to assist with project costs.*

***Downspout Disconnection Initiative:***

*We have begun issuing letters, along with the relevant ordinance, requiring disconnection of downspouts from the*

sanitary sewer system. As of today, 41 properties have received notices. Six properties have contacted us, inspections have been completed, and those disconnections are now resolved.

***Stormwater Improvements – Ogen & Allen Streets:***

*We will be installing two larger catch basins at the intersection of Ogen and Allen Streets to alleviate ponding during heavy rain events. The plan is to install them within the next two weeks.*

***Jewell Grain Catch Basin Collaboration:***

*I met with representatives from Jewell Grain regarding the installation of catch basins on their properties. They are currently in the process of gathering estimates for this work.*

***Staffing Updates:***

*We currently have two full-time vacancies:*

- *One position at the Wastewater Treatment Plant*
- *One position in the Zoning Department*

***Budget Preparation:***

*I am actively working on the 026 budget and will have preliminary numbers ready for Finance in a timely manner.*

**Solicitor's Report:**

Final 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. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2025-16** by caption only to amend the investment policy of the Village of Hicksville.

Ron Beverly arrived.

First reading of **Resolution 2025-17** by caption only to accept the rates and amounts set by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary levies and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2025-17 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Kent Miller. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2025-18** by caption only to enter contract with Avery Demland to provide civil legal services to council and declaring an emergency. Rob Bailey made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2025-18 by caption only. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2025-19** by caption only to prepare and submit an application to OPWC for the Dewatering Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and declaring an emergency. Rob Bailey made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2025-19 by caption only. Rob Bailey made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2025-20** by caption only to enter a contract with Wessler Engineering to provide professional engineering services for the Dewatering Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and declaring an emergency. Kent Miller made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes. Second and final reading of

Resolution 2025-20 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2025-21** by caption only directing the Defiance County Auditor to assess and enter the delinquent utility bills on the tax duplicate of the properties listed on Exhibit "A" and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Kent Miller. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2025-21 by caption only. Rob Bailey made a motion to approve, seconded by Kent Miller. All voted yes.

#### **Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** Mark Denning spoke with council about a vehicle he would like to purchase. It is in excellent condition and already outfitted. It has been a demo. It has 1038 engine hours and 208 idle hours. It has new tires. He has the money in his budget earmarked for future vehicles. He would purchase this one and then put off getting a car from the Enterprise program until next year. Council agreed and told him to go ahead with the purchase. The Chief reported the quote for Lengacher Roofing is \$3700.00 for the roof patch. Sal's Asphalt will begin the parking lot paving tomorrow.

**Fire Chief:** Darrick Crochran asked the mayor to approve hiring Jacob Beverly as a Fireman Candidate. Rob Bailey made a motion to approve the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Toni Egly. Bailey, Egly, Bassett and Miller votes yes. Beverly abstained. The Chief gave a summary of the Banquet recently held. Fireman of the Year Felix Salinas; EMT of the Year Abbye Franz; Rookie of the Year Isaac Wilhelm; Dedication Award Ken Bunn; Unsung Hero Blake Whitman; Bob Meyer 45 years; Tim Coon 20 years. Final note: Maintenance is complete on all units.

**EMS Chief:** Bruce Silcott reported Jordan Wolfe (already on the Fire Department) has been certified as an EMT. He did the training on his own.

**Park Director:** Christina Tadsen had no report.

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

- Current Fund Status and Cash Summary Report.
- Health Fair September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center from 6 to 10 am. Council approved any employee to receive the basic panel. Other tests will be at the employee's cost.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Barth reminded residents that the Fair is going on. Soon school busses will roll out so be alert when driving. He has been approached about a Senior Project that involves printing and installing banners commemorating area Veterans.

At 6:55 Ron Beverly made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel discipline and land acquisition, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes.

Council returned to regular session at 7:55 pm. No further action was taken.

At 7:55 pm Rob Bailey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

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Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

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Michael Barth, Mayor