

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday September 2nd, 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, Charlie Martin, Ron Beverly and Rob Bailey; Administrator Cory Wann; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Avery Demland.

Jim Morrissey from Choice One presented a plan for Downtown Revitalization. His company will apply for ODOT TAP funding but needs to do so by November. They will do the pertinent traffic studies and paperwork at a cost of \$4800.00. The grant can be between an 80/20 split or a 90/10 split. The area would extend along High Street from Bryan to Maple. The project would include curbs, gutters, sidewalks, ramps, bump outs, lighting and all street scapes. Council members asked a lot of questions and agreed on (1) not losing any parking spaces if possible and (2) replacing the traffic light at Bryan and High, not removing it. Rob Bailey made a motion to approve Choice One to begin the process, seconded by Kent Miller. Bailey, Egly, Bassett, Miller and Martin voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Rob Bailey made a motion to amend the agenda to include Ordinance 2025-10, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

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

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

Boards & Commissions: No meeting held.

Council Committees: **Finance Committee** met August 26th. Minutes in the packets.

Personnel Committee met August 27th. 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. All council meetings are shown on YouTube, and minutes are on the website.

Administrator's Report: Cory Wann had no written report. He included the latest EPA Inspection Report in the packets. He asked the mayor to recommend Brayton Fogle to be hired as Laborer Class II for the WWTP. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Solicitor's Report:

First reading of **Ordinance 2025-10** by caption only to amend ordinance pertaining to keeping animals near dwellings. No vote was taken again due to questions by council. It was given to the Solicitor to be rewritten.

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

A **Motion** was put forth by the Budget Commission to accept Local Government Fund at 6.9% for an estimated amount of \$98,597.21 for 2026. Eric Bassett made a motion to accept, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning was absent. He sent the cases and calls reports.*

Fire Chief: *Darrick Crochran had no report.*

EMS Chief: *Bruce Silcott began with a report on the # of calls for the month and year. He said Felix Salinas and Isaac Wilhelm will begin Paramedic classes in October. Hannah Kirkham will be leaving Sept. 25th to begin maternity leave. Bob Meyer is retiring December 31st. He would like to hire 2 new EMTs: Both are already certified Basic EMTs. McKenzie Raatz and Kyle Recker. The mayor recommended both. Charlie Martin made a motion to accept the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes. On September 17th at 7 pm will be training on Project 86 (Mental Health Awareness).*

Park Director: *Christina Tadsen was absent.*

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

- Current Fund Status and Cash Summary Report.
- August Income Tax and Utility Reports.
- Reminder - Health Fair September 5th & 6th 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.
- Smith asked council members if they wanted Conrad Beck to come to the next meeting to talk about 2026 Ohio Plan policy. They all said no.

Mayor's Report: No report.

At 7:10 Kent Miller made a motion to go into executive session to discuss possible land acquisition, seconded by Eric Bassett. Egly, Bassett, Beverly, Miller and Martin voted yes. Bailey voted no.

Council returned to regular session at 7:35 pm. No further action was taken.

At 7:45 pm Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes.

Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

Michael Barth, Mayor