

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday September 15th, 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, Charlie Martin, Ron Beverly and Rob Bailey; Administrator Cory Wann; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Avery Demland. Councilman Eric Bassett was absent.

Minutes from the September 2nd Regular Council Meeting were presented. Rob Bailey made a motion to approve seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

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

Boards & Commissions: No meeting held.

Council Committees: **Water-Sewer Committee** met September 8th. Minutes in the packets.
Personnel Committee met September 11th. 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 the following report:

1. **Elm Street Water Main Project**
Fenson Construction has completed the installation of the new water main on Elm Street, including meter pits and service lines. Sidewalk repairs and curbing are scheduled to be completed within the next week or two. Following this, Ward Construction will begin the milling and paving of Elm Street.
2. **El Grande Estates Water Meter and Valve Replacement**
Bryan Excavating is scheduled to replace water meters and water valves in El Grande Estates on Monday.
3. **Defiance Avenue Lift Station Replacement**
JDY Excavating will begin work on the Defiance Avenue lift station replacement project on Monday, September 22nd. The project is expected to take approximately 1-2 months to complete.
4. **Personnel Update**
Allen Schooley will be leaving his position with the Village of Hicksville. His final day of employment is scheduled for September 22nd.

Wann has hired Brian Demland to be the new Zoning Official. He has 15 years of law enforcement experience in Indiana. Mayor Barth recommended Mr. Demland. Charlie Martin made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

He has not received any applications for the Street Department yet.

Solicitor's Report:

Final reading of **Resolution 2025-16** by caption only to amend the investment policy of the Village of Hicksville. Toni Egly made a motion to approve, seconded by Charlie Martin. Egly, Beverly, Miller and Martin voted yes. Bailey abstained.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning would like EK Technologies to come to council to explain their service. It will have to be in executive session. He will set it up for the next meeting.*

Fire Chief: *Darrick Crochran reported 7 firemen started the Fire I class last weekend. Once they all pass the department will have $\frac{3}{4}$ of the firemen at Level I status. He is expecting a grant to pay for the class.*

EMS Chief: *Bruce Silcott was absent.*

Park Director: *Christina Tadsen was absent.*

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

- Current Fund Status and Cash Summary Report.
- Mayor's Court and Police Collections Reports.
- SMTA Franchise Fee Report.
- August Consumer Price Index Report.
- Auditor of State Bulletin 2025-007 on Cyber Security.

Mayor's Report: Trick or Treat will be on October 25th from 4 to 6 pm. He thanked the Fire Department for their Tribute on September 11th. He also thanked Bub Schooley for his 20-year employment with the village.

Cory Wann reminded Chief Crochran that the old turnout gear in the basement needs removed.

At 6:15 Ron Beverly made a motion to go into executive session to discuss possible land acquisition, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes.

Council returned to regular session at 7:15 pm. No further action was taken. There will be a Special Council Meeting at 6 pm on September 29th.

At 7:20 pm Rob Bailey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

Michael Barth, Mayor