

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday October 6th, 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 Kent Miller, Ron Beverly, Eric Bassett and Rob Bailey; Administrator Cory Wann; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Avery Demland. Council members Charlie Martin and Toni Egly were absent.

Brian Keller was present with Erika Willitzer to talk about the status of the Industrial Park property he plans to use for a spec building. The project is on hold until Verizon signs the addendum to the original lease. Mr. Keller has a possible grant for the project, but the deadline to apply is soon. It was decided a stern letter should be sent to Verizon requesting they sign the agreement. We have answered all their requests, including a new survey and an environmental report. Councilman Beverly said we should threaten to cancel their lease.

The representative from EK Technology requested an executive session to discuss proprietary information.

Minutes from the September 15th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Rob Bailey made a motion to approve seconded by Kent Miller. Miller, Bailey and Beverly voted yes. Bassett abstained.

Minutes from the September 29th Special 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: No meeting held.

Council Committees: The Finance Committee met on September 22nd and 24th to discuss the 2026 budget. Minutes were 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:

- The Defiance Avenue Lift Station Project has begun.
- Ward will be paving Elm Street this week.
- Ohio Asphalt will be paving the section of street from Oak to Defiance Ave.
- Leaf pick-up will begin at the end of the month. A notice will be sent out by Hyper Reach.

Solicitor's Report:

Final reading of **Ordinance 2025-10** by caption only to amend Section 505.13 of the Hicksville Codified Ordinances pertaining to keeping animals near dwellings. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Rob Bailey. Bailey, Beverly and Miller voted yes. Bassett voted no. The measure did not pass.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning was absent but had his Calls and Cases Report in the packets.*

Fire Chief: *Darrick Crochran had no report.*

EMS Chief: *Bruce Silcott was absent – he had a report in the packet.*

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 Report for September.
- September Utility and Income Tax Reports.
- August Medicount Report.

Mayor's Report: Trick or Treat will be on October 25th from 4 to 6 pm. He thanked the Fire Department for their participation in the Homecoming Parade.

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

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

At 7:00 pm Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes.

Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

Michael Barth, Mayor