

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, October 23rd, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was live on YouTube tonight.

Roll Call was read with the following persons in attendance: Mayor Michael Barth; Council Members Kent Miller, Toni Egly, Eric Bassett, Charlie Martin, Ron Beverly and Rob Bailey; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; Administrator Cory Wann; and Solicitor Avery Demland.

At 6:05 pm Ron Beverly made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes.

At 6:25 pm council returned to regular session. The Solicitor read the Ordinance 2025-15 title. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Rob Bailey. Toni Egly abstained. Bailey, Bassett, Beverly, Miller and Martin voted yes. The Ordinance was read a second and final time. Rob Bailey made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. Bailey, Miller, Martin and Beverly voted yes. Bassett voted no and Egly abstained. The measure passed.

Kent Miller then said he actually meant to vote no. He said to let it stand.

Several residents were in the audience to ask questions. They were cautioned that the village was still under a non-disclosure agreement during our due diligence period but would answer what we could. Some items of note (1) Terry Brown asked how our offer was accepted when an offer of 6 million was not. He was told we had not heard that and had no information about other offers. (2) Bruce Guilford asked many questions about the building and was told as much as the council was comfortable giving out. (3) Michele Kitson wanted to ask about the upcoming levy and if it would be used for purchasing the former hospital. She was told the levy would replace the inside millage if the legislature overturned the governor's veto. If the veto stands, the levy will not be collected. The village is not trying to increase taxes - no one will pay more than they do now because of it. As for the possible purchase of the building; the repair, maintenance and any loan payments will be covered by lease payments, not tax dollars. The levy cannot be used for anything other than what is listed in the ballot language.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob Bailey. All answered yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer