

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Tuesday January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Barth. The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Steve Eyers and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following present: Mayor Michael Barth; Council Members Kent Miller, Eric Bassett, Brian Zeedyk, Mike Villena, Boyer Gonwick and Toni Egly; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; Administrator Cory Wann and Solicitor Avery Demland.

Minutes from the January 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve seconded by Brian Zeedyk. All voted yes.

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

**Boards & Commissions:** No meetings were held.

**Council Committees:** **Street, Light, Property, Sidewalk** met January 12<sup>th</sup>. Minutes were in the packets. Justin Kuhn had asked for the meeting to discuss his plans for the property he owns on St Rt 18. He wants to reopen "Charlie's" with a drive through around the back. He would like more land for this as well as parking. The village Administrator would like to use the land for a public fill station. Kuhn also needs access to a lot he sold off Spencerville St. and wants to extend the stone road already in place. Finally, Kuhn is concerned about food trucks in the village without paying any fees. The discussion centered on the current Ordinance and how it needs to be changed. That would need to be given to the Ordinance Committee for discussion.

*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 had no report.

**Solicitor's Report:**

First reading of **Resolution 2026-01** by caption only to support the Ohio Commission for the Semi quinentennial (America 250-OH) and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Brian Zeedyk. Second and final reading of Resolution 2026-01 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** Mark Denning had no report.

**Fire Chief:** Darrick Crochran was absent. The committee to choose a fire truck was present to give council their recommendations. The committee members: Tim Coon, Blake Whitman, Cody Sanders and Brandon Hamilton. Their recommendation was to go with the Sutphen Corp. The company is based in Hilliard Ohio and has been in business since 1890. They can provide on-site annual maintenance. The quint would be ready 18 to 22 months after the contract is signed. If payment is made prior to delivery, there will be a sizeable discount. The base price is \$1,897,500.00. The firemen would like the 400-gallon tank

*proposed to be changed to a 600-gallon tank. This would be an additional \$18,000.00. If the contract is approved and signed by February 4<sup>th</sup>, there is deduction of \$24,000.00. (Legislation will be presented at the next council meeting on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>). Council asked about training. Sutphen will include 3 days of on-site training.*

**EMS Chief:** Bruce Silcott had no report.

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

- January Fund Status report and Cash Summary by Fund.
- December Revolving Loan Report.
- January Police Dept. Collections.
- December Mayor's Court Report.
- HIX TV Agenda for meeting held January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Letter from MD7- annual offer to purchase tower lease.
- Hicksville Union Cemetery Support Request, 2025 Cash Flow Report and 2026 Budget.
- Offer for council members to get office supplies from the cabinet or order supplies from April.

**Mayor's Report:**

- Mayor Barth will go with the 3 new council members when they attend New Council Training that is offered by the Ohio Municipal League. It will be on March 7<sup>th</sup> in Independence, Ohio.
- The Mobile Health Clinic is set tentatively to be in Hicksville June 6<sup>th</sup> during Heritage Days from 10 am to 2 pm. All tests and assessments will be free to the public.
- Residents are reminded of warming stations are at the Library and Fire Hall. The First Church of Christ is setting up overnight hours. If anyone has a weather-related problem, call the Police Dept. and they will help find a shelter.

Dr. Christopher Fisher from the CCF Group was present to speak with council about a possible collaboration to purchase the CMH property and bring health care back to Hicksville. He had an extensive and informative presentation which is also available on the Village Council You Tube channel. His proposal outlined his approach to getting licensed and then adding services cautiously. He would need to hire staff and increase the number as the need arose. Instead of becoming licensed as a Critical Access Hospital, the facility would become a Rural Health Clinic. He would like to have specialty clinics, a lab, radiology, an infusion center and a mental health facility. Eventually he would like to add outpatient surgery. Police Chief Mark Denning asked questions about the mental health aspect. That is something this area needs. It would not only benefit Hicksville but the surrounding area. Council was impressed with his thoughtful and thorough presentation.

At 8:15pm Eric Bassett made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss possible land acquisition. This was seconded by Brian Zeedyk. All voted yes.

At 8:45 pm council returned to regular session. Mike Villena made a motion to have the Administrator enter the bidding process for the CMH property. (The online auction is from January 20<sup>th</sup> to January 22<sup>nd</sup>) The motion was seconded by Toni Egly. Villena, Gonwick and Zeedyk voted yes. Bassett, Egly and Miller voted no. The tie was broken by Mayor Barth who voted yes.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

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Michael Barth, Mayor