

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Barth. The meeting opened with a prayer 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; and Solicitor Avery Demland. Administrator Cory Wann was absent.

Mickey Smith, from Nationwide First Responders Grants was present by Zoom to address council about his role as advisor to the Fire Department and their application for a FEMA grant. He was recently hired as the grant manager. He requested an executive session to discuss the purchase of property. Eric Bassett made a motion to go into executive session at 6:15 pm, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes. Council returned to regular session at 7:10 pm. No action was taken.

Minutes from the February 2<sup>nd</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 Mike Villena. All voted yes.

**Boards & Commissions:** Minutes from the **Zoning Board of Appeals** meeting held February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm were on the desk tonight. Minutes from the **Planning Commission** meeting held February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm were also on the desk tonight. They will be discussed at a future meeting.

**Council Committees:** **The Ordinance Committee** met February 9<sup>th</sup>. Minutes were on the desk tonight.

*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. He included an email detailing ODOT's decision to change our area from District 1 to District 2. He has been in contact with the District 2 Engineer, Christopher Waterfield.

**Solicitor's Report:**

First reading of **Ordinance 2026-01** by caption only to amend Chapter 515.03 pertaining to keeping animals near buildings.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-03** by caption only to authorize the mayor to approve the Letter of Intent between the village and Jefferson South Holdings LLC will be February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** Mark Denning reviewed his request to offer the full-time position to Joshua Meyer. He would like to join the next OPOTA training class. Eric Bassett reminded the Chief

*that we will need a contract if we pay for the school. Toni Egly would like the cost of any required supplies (books, uniforms, etc.) over and above tuition.*

**Fire Chief:** *Darrick Crochran had no report.*

**EMS Chief:** *Bruce Silcott asked for an executive session to discuss personnel.*

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

- January Fund Status report and Cash Summary by Fund.
- January Mayor's Court and Police Department Reports.
- Defiance County CIC "Brew & Banter" Notice
- List of Properties/Taxes for 2025

**Mayor's Report:**

- Mayor Barth had no report.

At 7:25 pm Toni Egly made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Boyer Gonwick. All voted yes.

At 7:55 pm council returned to regular session with no further action taken.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Boyer Gonwick. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

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Michael Barth, Mayor