

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6 pm

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Barth. A prayer was given by Paster Steve Eysers followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was read with the following persons in attendance: Mayor Michael Barth; Council Members Kent Miller, Toni Egly, Eric Bassett, Brian Zeedyk, Boyer Gonwick and Mike Villena; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Administrator Cory Wann and Solicitor Avery Demland were absent.

The meeting was called to discuss the purchase of a Fire Truck with the FEMA grant. Mayor Barth reminded everyone that this was a big decision involving taxpayer dollars. Chief Darrick Crochran thanked council for listening to the department and the committee assigned to gather quotes. The 2 companies with comparable equipment and pricing were Sutphen and Pearce. Eric Bassett was concerned on the delivery date - will it be in time for the FEMA grant deadline? Mayor Barth said the Pearce could be delivered in July 2026. Fireman Blake Whitman said Sutphen is pulling a truck out of their lineup to put Hicksville in its place for construction. Their delivery will be no later than September 29, 2027. The contract has the required penalty clause of \$100.00 a day for any overrun. Toni Egly asked about the dimensions and how practical is it to have such a long truck? The firemen assured her the size is fine. They gave comparisons of the 2 units.

At 6:15 the mayor called the grant manager, Mickey Smith. He gave council comparisons on both trucks. He said the price difference wasn't significant and either truck would qualify for the FEMA grant restrictions. Drivers will have to have DOT physicals and ISC training. Sutphen will conduct 3 days of training when the truck is delivered.

The Sutphen is \$1,895,457.00 and the Pearce is \$1,884,019.00. Hicksville is not paying a down payment.

Eric Bassett made a motion to purchase the Sutphen, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

The fire department plans to sell secondary unit 503 as a fire truck and the ladder truck may be sold to a tree service. Primary pumper 504 is in the shop due to an issue with the motor. The department will be using 503 until it is returned.

Eric Basset made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Toni Egly. All answered yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer