

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday, April 6<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, and Toni Egly; Administrator Cory Wann; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Avery Demland. Council Person Boyer Gonwick was absent.

Joy O'Donnell was present to address council. She is running to replace Jeffrey Strausbaugh, Judge of Probate and Juvenile Courts in Defiance, who is retiring. She currently serves as Assistant Prosecutor for Morris Murray in Defiance.

Representatives from the Hicksville Community Service Center were not present. They will attend the meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes from the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Villena. Bassett, Villena, Zeedyk and Miller voted yes. Egly abstained.

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

**Boards & Commissions:** HIX TV Board met January 17<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>. Minutes were in the packets.

**Council Committees:** No meetings were held.

*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 written report. Repairs to the viaduct on East High Street will be over \$10,000.00. The curbing and handrails will be replaced after being hit by a car. The items listed are not covered by our insurance. Wann has asked that they be included in the future. The driver's insurance will not pay since the driver was not listed on the policy. The case has been turned over to the court system for prosecution/restitution.

**Solicitor's Report:**

Final reading of **Ordinance 2026-01** by caption only to amend Chapter 515.03 pertaining to keeping animals near buildings. Mike Villena made a motion to table the legislation until some wording is changed. This was seconded by Bryan Zeedyk. All voted yes.

First reading of **Ordinance 2026-04** by caption only to amend appropriations and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2026-04 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

First reading of **Ordinance 2026-05** by caption only authorizing Fiscal Officer to transfer funds and declaring an emergency. Brian Zeedyk made a motion to suspend the rules,

seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2026-05 by caption only. Toni Egly made a motion to approve, seconded by Brian Zeedyk. All voted yes.

Second reading of **Resolution 2026-10** by caption only authorizing the sale of unneeded, obsolete or unfit village personal property including by internet auction for the calendar year 2026.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-13** by caption only authorizing an easement to AEP Electric for the installation of electric distribution facilities and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Kent Miller. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2026-13 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-14** by caption only authorizing the mayor to execute a second amendment to the lease agreement between the village and the Johnson Memorial Library Friends and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Kent Miller. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2026-14 by caption only. Toni Egly made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

#### **Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** *Mark Denning reported the new cruiser will be ready soon. The Durango and the 2015 cruiser will both go on Gov.Deals to be sold.*

**Fire Chief:** *Darrick Crochran thanked the Administrator and his crew, along with the Police Officers who managed the traffic control during the hours after the winds and storms came through once again. It was a team effort. The Fire and Police departments work together when watches and/or warnings appear. Councilman Kent Miller asked why the sirens go off after the storm has blown through Hicksville. Apparently the warnings come from Defiance by way of Toledo instead of Indiana - residents are reminded to watch weather reports on Fort Wayne stations to be safe.*

**EMS Chief:** *Bruce Silcott has brought updated EMS Bylaws to council. Legislation to adopt will be presented at the next council meeting. The medical director, Dr. Krebs, will be here on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm.*

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

- Fund Status report and Cash Summary by Fund.
- March Income Tax and Utility Collections Reports.

#### **Mayor's Report:**

- Mayor Barth reminded everyone to check on their neighbors during bad weather. He also announced that Heritage Days will be held June 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Eric Bassett made a motion for an executive session at 6:45 pm for personnel issues. He was seconded by Kent Miller. All voted yes.

Council returned to regular session at 7:55 pm with no further business.

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

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Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

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Michael Barth, Mayor