

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, June 15th, 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, Toni Egly, Eric Bassett, Brian Zeedyk, and Boyer Gonwick; Administrator Cory Wann; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Avery Demland. Councilman Mike Villena was absent.

Justin Kuhn was at the meeting to update council on his upcoming project Fox Creek on Spencerville St; he had a packet and a sketch for council; I did not receive a copy to attach. He wanted to let them know what his plans are. He is asking council to approve moving forward because he will need the village's support throughout the process. Brian Zeedyk made a motion to move forward, seconded by Eric Bassett. Egly voted no. Miller, Zeedyk, Gonwick and Bassett voted yes.

Minutes from the May 18th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Boyer Gonwick. Bassett, Miller, Zeedyk and Gonwick voted yes. Egly abstained.

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: Information about a lot split on Defiance Avenue was included in the packets.

Council Committees: – The Police/Fire/EMS committee met May 18th before council. Minutes were given out 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. All council meetings are shown on YouTube, and minutes are on the website.

Administrator's Report: Cory Wann had the following report:

1. Street & Infrastructure Updates

- **Side Street Repairs & Industrial Drive:** Ohio Asphalt is scheduled to begin resurfacing and repairs in late June / early July.
- **Fox Creek Subdivision Estimate:** Ohio Asphalt has provided an estimate to excavate and build the street for the platted right-of-way already in place.
 - **Scope:** 460 feet long by 22 feet wide.
 - **Estimated Cost:** \$71,536.
- **Downspout Removal Program:** Round three notification letters have been sent out to residents across the village as we continue this phase of the infiltration reduction process.

2. Water & Wastewater Utilities

- **Columbia and Hattery Street Water Main Replacement:** This project is officially out to bid.

- **Bid Opening:** Scheduled for **June 29th at 10:00 a.m.** at the Defiance County Commissioner's Office.

3. Parks & Recreation

- **Pickleball Courts:** All prep work by the Village is complete. The concrete is currently curing, and the new poles and nets are scheduled to be installed later this week.
- **School Baseball Field Funding Request:** Coach Miser has requested a **\$3,500** contribution from the village to assist with dirt and dirt work for the boys' varsity baseball field.
 - *Note:* The current Park budget has ample funds remaining should Council choose to approve this request.

4. Municipal Buildings & Maintenance

- **Municipal Roof Repair:** Work is scheduled to begin this coming **Monday, June 15, 2026.**
- **East End Water Infiltration:** We are currently experiencing significant water intrusion in the municipal building, specifically on the East End near the back entrance. This is being monitored, and mitigation/repair steps will need to be evaluated alongside the upcoming roof work.

Items Requiring Council Action/Discussion:

1. Consideration of the **\$71,536** estimate for the Fox Creek subdivision street install.
2. Consideration of the **\$3,500** funding request for the school baseball field dirt work. Note: Council told Wann to pay this as the funds were in his budget.

Solicitor's Report:

Resolutions 2026-18 and 2026-19 were not read. They will be presented at a future meeting.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-20** by caption only for the renewal of the Fire Levy to be added to the November 3rd ballot 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 Resolution 2026-20 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Brian Zeedyk. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning was absent, but Sgt. Doctor was here. He recommended hiring Trayce Lengacher as a full-time officer and Travis Stratton as a part-time officer. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve the hiring, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.*

Fire Chief: *Darrick Crochran was absent.*

EMS Chief: *Bruce Silcott asked to hire an additional EMT (Kassidy Rush) who was present tonight. Eric Bassett made a motion to hire Kassidy, seconded by Brian Zeedyk. All voted yes.*

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

- Fund Status report and Cash Summary by Fund.
- May Income Tax and Utility Collections Reports.
- May Police Dept. Collection Report.
- May Mayor's Court Report.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Barth reported he and Councilman Brian Zeedyk went door to door to collect information necessary for the village to qualify for grants from the State of Ohio. He congratulated the 2026 high school seniors on their graduation. He announced a Proclamation from the Village to Nemco Food on the anniversary of their 50th year in business. The mayor thanked all the donors and volunteers that made Heritage Days a success.

Eric Bassett made a motion to go into executive session for Economic Development issues at 6:55 pm, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

Council returned to regular session with no further action taken.

Kent Miller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Zeedyk. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

April Allen, Acting Fiscal Officer

Michael Barth, Mayor