

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, July 13th, 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, 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, Mike Villena, and Boyer Gonwick; Administrator Cory Wann; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; Solicitor Avery Demland was absent.

Minutes from the June 15th and July 6th Regular Council Meetings 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 Boyer Gonwick. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions: No meetings scheduled.

Council Committees: – No meetings scheduled.

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. Public Works & Infrastructure Bidding

- **Columbia & Hattery Street Water Main Project**
 - **Status:** The formal public bid opening was held on Monday, June 29, 2026.
 - **Outcome:** Fenson Contracting was the lowest responsive bidder with a total bid amount of \$448,456.00.
 - **Action Item:** A request for authorization to award the contract to Fenson Contracting will be brought before Council.

2. Operations & Utility Maintenance

- **Emergency Repair (800 Block of E. High Street)**
 - **Incident:** A water service line rupture occurred on June 22, 2026.
 - **Response:** Street Department crews worked through the night to successfully execute emergency repairs and minimize service disruptions.
 - **Restoration:** Temporary backfill is settling. Permanent street paving repairs at this location will be completed later this summer once optimal soil compaction is achieved.
 - Rear portion of the Municipal Building roof was repaired at a cost of \$1,430.00
 - Street Department building roof is still in need of replacement/repair as the insurance company works with the contractors.
- **Street Paving**
 - **Timeline:** Ohio Asphalt has scheduled the Village for street repairs and resurfacing on **July 16th and 17th.**

- **Contingency:** This schedule is strictly weather-dependent. In the event of rain or adverse conditions, the dates will be adjusted accordingly.

3. Community Relations & Special Projects

- **Fire Hydrant Painting Proposal**
 - **Initiative:** Troy Sargent (Water Department) and I met with a local resident and her daughter regarding a volunteer youth project to paint select village fire hydrants as characters or creative items.
 - **Regulatory Compliance:** The applicant was advised that specific fire hydrants cannot participate in this project. Their standard regulatory colors must be maintained to ensure proper flow-rate identification for emergency services.
 - **Next Steps:** The resident is currently drafting a specific list of proposed designs and locations for administrative review. I am fully supportive of this community-driven beautification effort, which has proven successful in neighboring municipalities.
- Wann also reported on the roof repair estimate and insurance company questions. It can be repaired or replaced. Insurance will pay \$87,860.00 and the village will pay \$25,250.00 from Capital Projects. Council agreed to replace it instead of repairing it only. A replacement will have a 20-year warranty.

Solicitor's Report:

Resolutions 2026-18 and 2026-19 were not read.

First reading of **Ordinance 2026-07** by caption only designating the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County (CIC) as the agent for the Village of Hicksville and authorizing and approving the execution of an agreement and plan of industrial, commercial, distribution and research development with the CIC of Defiance County.

First reading of **Ordinance 2026-08** by caption only amending Section 141.16 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Hicksville establishing current charges for the Rescue Company Service.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-21** by caption only for the Village of Hicksville to enter into contract with Fenson Contracting LLC for the Columbia-Hattery Water Main Replacement Project and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Boyer Gonwick. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2026-21 by caption only. Toni Egly made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: Mark Denning had his Calls and Cases Reports in the packets. He said the new car is being detailed and will be delivered shortly.

Fire Chief: Darrick Crochran was absent.

EMS Chief: *Bruce Silcott was absent but had a report in the packets. He wants to begin 12-hour shifts with employees salaried. This will be discussed in the Finance Committee meeting on Monday July 20th at 5:15pm.*

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

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

Mayor's Report: The Boy Scouts will have a Chicken BBQ on July 18th at the Eagles. There will also be a "Troop Loop" that day.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Zeedyk. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

Michael Barth, Mayor