

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, July 20th, 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.

Justin Kuhn was present to update council on 3 projects. (1) He wants to annex 40.49 acres (Fox Creek) into the village. Council was agreeable to the process. (2) He has provided the legal forms for the lot split on Defiance Avenue for the 100' drive next to Charlie's. (3) He is working with the Defiance County CIC and Donnie Warner on a 10-year rolling TIF. He handed out maps of the layout of the 30-year master plan.

Minutes from the July 13th Regular Council Meetings were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Boyer Gonwick. All voted yes.

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

Boards & Commissions: -Public Notice - Application for Lot Split at 129 Hicks St

Council Committees: - Personnel Committee met - minutes in the packets. Finance met tonight at 5:15pm.

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 no report:

Solicitor's Report:

Second 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. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Boyer Gonwick. All voted yes. Final reading of Ordinance 2026-07 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Brian Zeedyk. All voted yes.

Second 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 2026-18** by caption only for the Village of Hicksville to enter into contract with Defiance County CIC regarding transfer of Property on Industrial Drive 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

2026-18 by caption only. Toni Egly made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-19** by caption only for the Village of Hicksville to enter into contract with Defiance County CIC regarding transfer of property on Demuth Drive 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 2026-19 by caption only. Brian Zeedyk made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-20** by caption only for submitting to the electors of the Village of Hicksville the question of renewal of the existing 2.0 mill levy for fire protection and EMS services and declaring an emergency. Toni Egly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2026-20 by caption only. Toni Egly made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-22** by caption only authorizing the Administrator to prepare and submit an application to the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, second by Kent Miller. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2026-22 by caption only. Boyer Gonwick made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning asked for council to replace Charlie Martin on the insurance committee. Brian Zeedyk volunteered to join.*

Fire Chief: *Darrick Crochran thanked the village employees and residents who came out and brought water during 2 large fires that occurred in the very hot weather. The car wash was successful, and a Cornhole Tournament will be held next weekend. He would like Mayor Barth to recommend Owen Grimes to join the department. Eric Bassett made the recommendation, seconded by Kent Miller. All voted yes.*

EMS Chief: *Bruce Silcott reported he was teaching a class and missed the last council meeting, but immediately afterward his phone "blew up" with disgruntled employees. They were very unhappy being characterized as elementary students. Kent Miller apologized several times. He absolutely supports the EMS. Silcott said he has been told by council to run his department and they would not micromanage. If they have any questions, just ask. He is disappointed that no councilman every comes over to see for themselves what goes on - even when invited. Silcott thanked Council Person Egly for her kind words at the last meeting. Bassett thanked Silcott for his written reports. He really appreciates them.*

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

- Fund Status report and Cash Summary by Fund.

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 Boyer Gonwick. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

Michael Barth, Mayor