

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, August 3rd, 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 Evers, 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, Mike Villena, and Boyer Gonwick; Administrator Cory Wann; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Avery Demland. Brian Zeedyk was absent.

Minutes from the July 20th Regular Council Meetings were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve corrected copy, seconded by Boyer Gonwick. All voted yes.

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: -

Council Committees: – Finance Committee met July 20th – minutes in the packets.

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. Facilities & Buildings

- **Park Pavilion Renovation:** Lengacher Construction is actively working on the park pavilion. Crews are removing the old stone veneer and replacing it with board and batten metal siding. New exterior LED lighting is also scheduled for installation.

2. Streets & Infrastructure

- **Street Patching:** Ohio Asphalt is scheduled to return within the next couple of weeks to complete street patching across the village.
- **Concrete & Infrastructure Repairs:** Flat Rock Concrete will be on-site this month to execute concrete work around multiple manholes and valve boxes. They will also address sidewalk and driveway repairs resulting from infrastructure work completed approximately a month ago.
- **Columbia & Hattery Street Project:** A pre-construction meeting with Fenson Construction has been scheduled for August 6th.

3. Utilities (WWTP)

- **West Digester Tank Rehabilitation:** The west digester tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) has been emptied and is currently being rebuilt with new diffusers and fittings. The tank is projected to be fully operational and back online by early September.

4. Parks & Recreation

- **Froggy Park Playground Replacement:**
 - Existing playground equipment will be listed for sale on Gov.Deals at the end of September.

- The objective is to clear the park site prior to December to allow groundwork for the new playground to commence.
- Pending favorable conditions, the new playground is expected to be ready by mid/late-spring.

Solicitor's Report:

Final 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. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

First reading of **Ordinance 2026-09** by caption only authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer funds.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-23** by caption only declaring services to be provided territory including 40.497 acres proposed for annexation and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Villena. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2026-23 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-24** by caption only authorizing the Administrator to prepare and submit application to participate in OPWC State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program 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 2026-24 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-26** by caption only directing the Defiance County Auditor to assess and enter the delinquent water and sewer bills on the tax duplicate as described in Exhibit "A".

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning was absent. His calls and cases reports were presented.*

Fire Chief: *Darrick Crochran was absent.*

EMS Chief: *Bruce Silcott handed out a report tonight. Sherwood came in for a call as there were 3 back-to-back.*

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

- Fund Status report and Cash Summary by Fund.
- Income Tax and Utility July Collections.
- July Revolving Loan Report.
- Police Dept. Collections Report.
- Mediacom 2nd quarter Franchise Fee Report.

Mayor's Report: He thanked area churches for providing meals to the public. The Defiance County Fair begins August 22nd. The annual Back-to-School Breakfast will be August 27th at 7:30 am.

“Tools for Schools” will be out Friday collecting supplies and donations (Cheerleaders & Football Players and Firemen on street corners.)

At 6:30 pm Toni Egly asked for an executive session to discuss possible land acquisition, seconded by Boyer Gonwick. Villena, Miller, Egly and Gonwick voted yes. Bassett voted no. Council returned to regular session at 7:15 pm. No further business was conducted.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Boyer Gonwick. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

Michael Barth, Mayor