

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, August 17th, 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, Mike Villena, Brian Zeedyk and Boyer Gonwick; Administrator Cory Wann; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Avery Demland.

John Hancock, candidate for Defiance County Auditor, was on hand to meet council members and gave out his resume in anticipation of the upcoming election (November 3rd.) Currently he wears many hats: Defiance City Councilman, Defiance City Schools Bus Driver, sales agent for Howard Hanna Real Estate, and working the family farm.

Minutes from August 7th 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. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Brian Zeedyk. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions: -No meetings held.

Council Committees: – No meetings 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@metalink.net. All council meetings are shown on YouTube, and minutes are on the website.

Administrator's Report: Cory Wann had no written report. He did report that the cameras at Froggy Park are being replaced. They are 15 years old and have stopped working. The pavilion has gotten a new roof. The Hattery project begins Sept. 9th. N Main garage roof repair will begin in the middle of September.

Solicitor's Report:

Second reading of **Ordinance 2026-09** by caption only authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer funds. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes. Final reading of Ordinance 2026-09 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Boyer Gonwick. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-25** by caption only directing the Defiance County Auditor to assess and enter the delinquent nuisance property cleanup bills on the tax duplicate as described in Exhibit "A" and declaring an emergency. Toni Egly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Brian Zeedyk. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2026-25 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

Second 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". Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes. Final reading of Resolution 2026-26 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Villena. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-27** by caption only to enter agreement with the Defiance County Commissioners for the recovery of monies expended for providing legal counsel to indigent persons for the calendar year 2027.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-28** by caption only to assess streetlight millage and declaring an emergency. Brian Zeedyk made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Boyer Gonwick. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2026-28 by caption only. Toni Egly made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Department Head:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning reported Josh Myers begins school on the 19th. The department hosted a training by Ohio Tactical Officers Assoc. on Active Shooter Practice for Schools.*

Fire Chief: *Darrick Crochran was absent. Stacy Lemper asked the mayor to recommend hiring Jason Zimmerman. He is a certified fireman and paramedic. He will have to get his reciprocity cleared for Ohio. Eric Bassett made the recommendation from the mayor, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.*

EMS Chief: *Bruce Silcott reminded Council the fair is next week. The squad may be called to cover the fairgrounds, working with Delaware. Friday is the football game so squad #2 will be at the football field.*

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

- Fund Status report and Cash Summary by Fund.
- Draft of Solicitor contract.
- Draft of CyberSecurity Policy.

Mayor's Report:

The Defiance County Fair begins August 22nd.

The annual Back-to-School Breakfast will be August 27th at 7:30 am.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Boyer Gonwick. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

Michael Barth, Mayor