

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, September 8th, 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, Mike Villena, and Brian Zeedyk; Administrator Cory Wann; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Avery Demland. Council person Boyer Gonwick was absent.

Minutes from August 21st Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Villena. 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: - Diane Collins, from the **Beautification Committee**, was present to address council. She updated them on what happened the past year and what they hope for the future. She also presented a written report and financial statement. Both were in the packets.

Council Committees: - The **Finance Committee** met August 19th. Minutes were 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@metalink.net. All council meetings are shown on YouTube, and minutes are on the website.

Administrator's Report: Cory Wann had no written report. The Splashpad will be running until the end of the month. The Froggy Park auction begins October 1st.

Solicitor's Report:

Motion from Defiance County Auditor accepting the 2027 Local Government Fund Apportionment. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Kent Miller. All voted yes.

First reading of **Ordinance 2026-12** by caption only to retain legal counsel from the City of Defiance for prosecuting all misdemeanor criminal and traffic cases coming before the Defiance Municipal Court, and any appellate courts, thereafter, arising out of alleged violations of traffic and criminal statutes of the State of Ohio and/or Ordinances of the Village of Hicksville 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 Ordinance 2026-12 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Brian Zeedyk. All voted yes.

Second 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 2026-29** by caption only to renew contract with Avery Demland as Village Solicitor for civil legal services for the Village of Hicksville and declaring an emergency. Council decided to table until more discussion can happen.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-30** by caption only accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

First reading of **Resolution 2026-31** by caption only delineating an overlay in relation to the proposed Hicksville Incentive Districts within the Village of Hicksville; and adopting a written Economic Development Plan as to the same; setting the time and place of a Public Hearing; authorizing and ratifying the giving of notice to the Hicksville Exempted Village School District. The Four County Career Center and the Defiance County Board of Commissioners, all pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40© and its related rules and laws and approving related matters. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Villena. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2026-31 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Brian Zeedyk. All voted yes.

Department Head:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning was absent. Calls and Cases for August were in the packets.*

Fire Chief: *Darrick Crochran was absent.*

EMS Chief: *Bruce Silcott was absent. He had a report added to the packets.*

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

- Fund Status report and Cash Summary by Fund.
- August Income Tax, Utility and Mayor's Court Collection Reports.
- HLS OCC Health screening will be held at the Eagles on September 11 and 12 from 6 am to 10 am. Kent Miller made a motion to approve paying the fee for all employees. This was seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Mayor's Report:

Halloween Trick or Treat will be on October 31st from 4 pm to 6 pm.

November 3rd will be the election - the Village has a Fire/EMS Levy on the ballot for renewal. He hopes everyone will vote in support of it.

At 6:40 Eric Bassett asked for an Executive Session to discuss Personnel hiring issues, seconded by Mike Villena. All voted yes.

At 7:30 council returned to regular session. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules for **Resolution 2026-29**, seconded by Brian Zeedyk. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2026-29 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve with 2 changes, The duration will be until December 31, 2027, and the hourly payment will be \$200.00. This was seconded by Brian Zeedyk. All voted yes.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

Michael Barth, Mayor