

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, October 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Council met in Council Chambers. If not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Jones, followed by an invocation. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was read with the following persons in attendance: Mayor Ron Jones; Council Members Taylor Klepper, Eric Bassett, Charlie Martin, Mike Barth and Toni Egly; Administrator Cory Wann; Solicitor Troy Essex and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Councilman Ron Beverly was absent.

Minutes from the September 18th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Charlie Martin. Bassett, Martin, Egly, and Klepper voted yes. Barth abstained.

A list of bills to be paid was presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Charlie Martin. Bassett, Martin, Egly and Barth voted yes. Klepper abstained.

State Representative Roy Klopfenstein was present to speak to the council about possible funding for the water park. Jim Schmidt had reached out to him for information. He has also spoken to Cory Wann. He briefly explained the State of Ohio's 2-year budget process. Year one is the "general" expenses budget and year two is the "capital" budget for other funding opportunities. Applications are due in mid-January; awards are announced in April and funds become available in July. In general, there could be 150 to 200 million dollars disbursed. Each award is generally 50% of the project so the entity would have to have the remainder available. If the project has gone to bid it is probably not eligible. Mr. Klopfenstein recommended working with the County Commissioners as they will have an impact when the awards are made. Due to time constraints the board making the awards will contact the county commissioners, of which there are 88, for insight into the projects rather than the applicants since there could be several hundred. Cory Wann will contact the Commissioners and begin the process.

Boards & Commissions: The **Revolving Loan Fund Committee** met September 25th and minutes were in the packets. The meeting was to discuss an application from APT Manufacturing Solutions and NW Partnership LLC.

Council Committees: The **Police/Fire/EMS Committee** met September 25th and minutes were in the packets. They reviewed the 2024 budget proposed by Fire Chief Hart.

The **Personnel Committee** met September 18th and minutes were in the packets. They discussed a problem brought forward by an employee. They noted all documentation and will watch for further development.

The **Finance Committee** met September 6th and minutes were in the packets. The discussion included funding the new pool project, the proposed fire/EMS levy, and health insurance options for 2024.

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: No report was submitted. Wann gave the following updates: Leaf pick-up will begin soon with the "yellow" route. The EPA has signed off on the new wellfield so it is official. Residents should find no change to their water quality or pressure when it goes on-line. The new water tower is not scheduled to be completed until December. Taylor Klepper asked if the Troyer farming contract was renewable. Troy Essex said it probably has that clause, but he will check.

Solicitor's Report:

Second reading of **Resolution 2023-23** by caption only to enter an agreement Choice One Engineering to provide professional engineering services for the Cornelia/Rock Street Water Main Replacement project and declaring an emergency. Charlie Martin made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Final reading of **Resolution 2023-23** by caption only. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2023-24** by caption only authorizing the Revolving Loan Fund Committee to enter into a loan agreement with APT Manufacturing Solutions and NW Partnership LLC and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Second and final reading of **Resolution 2023-24** by caption only. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning had no report. He submitted the calls and cases listings.*

Fire/EMS Chief: *Bruce Hart reported the firemen will hold a Halloween Party in the fire hall on the 28th between 5 and 7. In an update on the proposed levy, he will consider yard signs, but the plan is still door-to-door with flyers. He passed out samples to council.*

Park Director: *Val Shull had no report.*

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

- Fund Status / Cash Summary (Revenue & Expenditures)
- September Utility and Income Tax Collection Reports

Mayor's Report: Mayor Jones reminded residents that Trick or Treating will be from 4-6 pm on October 28th.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Council adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer