

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Council met in Council Chambers - Governor DeWine's "Responsible Restart Ohio" guidelines were in effect. Everyone was asked to wear face coverings or sit where social distancing could be observed.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Jones. Mayor Jones gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll Call was read with the following persons in attendance: Mayor Ron Jones; Council Members Larry Ridgway, Taylor Klepper, Eric Bassett, Michael Barth and Cory Wann; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex. Councilman Ron Beverly was absent.

The Agenda was amended to include **Ordinance 2020-12**. Taylor Klepper made a motion to approve the amended Agenda, seconded by Michael Barth. All voted yes.

Minutes from the August 17th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Cory Wann. Ridgway, Klepper, Bassett and Wann voted yes. Barth abstained.

The list of bills to be paid was presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Gage Smith came before Council to outline his proposed Eagle Scout project. He wants to move the Welcome Sign to the corner of 2 and 49. Council was in agreement.

Justin Kuhn presented a proposal from the Little League Association to begin a 3-4 year project to install stadium seats on cement risers at the ballfields. The cost would be covered by fundraisers and donations. The first year would be Field 5; Year 2, field 6; and Year 3, field 7. Year 4 would connect the cement risers with walkways. Currently the funds available total \$20,000.00. He expects to spend \$7,000.00 on the seats (250), \$10,000.00 for cement and \$3,000.00 for shade/shelters. Labor will be volunteers. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve the plan, seconded by Cory Wann. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions: A Notice of Public Hearing was announced. It will be held September 17th at 6 pm in Council Chambers. It is for a lot split application at 338/340 Chicago Avenue.

Council Committees:

No committees met during this time.

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.

Administrator's Report:

- A written report was submitted in the packets.
- Employees are finished with brush pick up from the storm. No leak sucking will be done before late September or early October.
- Council needs to decide what to do with the lot at N Main/W Arthur.
- The bid opening for the McDonald's playground equipment at the park will be September 25th.
- The Defiance County OPWC ranking meeting will be held in Defiance Friday, September 11th at 3:30 pm.
- An application has been started with Maumee Valley Planning on a financing option for \$750,000.00 to be used for the wellfield.
- There was a main break at Rock and Cornelia with barricades in place. Someone moved the barricades over the weekend. This caused a dangerous situation since the area fenced off was unstable for cars to be driven across.
- The liability insurance policy was emailed to Council earlier to read and/or comment. Taylor Klepper made a motion to approve the policy as written, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Solicitor's Report:

- Second reading of **Ordinance 2020-06** (amended) by caption only adopting Chapter 922 setting rules for disposal of oil and grease in the sewer system.
- Second reading of **Ordinance 2020-07** by caption only adopting Chapter 924 setting rules and regulations regarding sewer usage in the village.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2020-12** by caption only to amend appropriations and declaring an emergency. Larry Ridgway made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-12 by

caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Michael Barth. All voted yes.

- First reading of **Resolution 2020-21** by caption only to assess delinquent weed and grass mowing costs to the tax duplicate of the properties listed and declaring an emergency. Michael Barth made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2020-21 by caption only. Michael Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2020-22** by caption only to assess delinquent utility bills to the tax duplicate of the properties listed and declaring an emergency. Michael Barth made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Cory Wann. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2020-22 by caption only. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Michael Barth. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2020-23** by caption only to assess streetlight millage and declaring an emergency. Michael Barth made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Cory Wann. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2020-22 by caption only. Michael Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2020-24** by caption only to accept the rates and amounts set by the Budget Commission and declaring an emergency. Larry Ridgway made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2020-24 by caption only. Michael Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- First reading of **Resolution 2020-25** by caption only to enter an agreement with the Defiance County Commissioners for the recovery of monies expended for providing legal counsel to indigent persons for the calendar year 2021. Larry Ridgway made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2020-25 by caption only. Larry Ridgway made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.
- Larry Ridgway made a motion to waive hearings before the Defiance County Budget Commission regarding apportionment of undivided local government funds pursuant to Section 5747, Ohio Revised Code. The motion was seconded by Michael Barth. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

***Police Chief:** Mark Denning was absent. Sergeant Craig Doctor reported 471 calls this month. The Donut Fundraiser with Red Angel raised enough money to purchase a new rifle for the department.*

***Fire/EMS Chief:** Scott Cramer was absent but submitted a written report outlining the grants the department recently received. The total amount is \$601,200.00 for a new tanker, 21 SCBA packs and a new air compressor.*

***Park Director:** Val Shull was absent.*

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted:

- Fund Status
- August Income Tax & Utility Collections Reports
- Mayor's Court Report
- Liquor Control Notice
- OML article on Public Officials and Social Media
- OML update on the "new" Ohio Checkbook
- Breakdown of current AEP bill - noted were high usage at the pool and concession stand
- Email from Tim Houck (Defiance Metropolitan Park Board) with permission to remove playground equipment
- Information on the Coronavirus Funds received
- Smith asked Council to consider reinstating Columbus Day and Presidents Day as paid holidays in lieu of raises for 2021.

Mayor's Report:

Copy of letter the Mayor sent to our Congressional Delegation concerning budget shortfalls due to the pandemic.

Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.