

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, August 2nd, 2021, 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 the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Jones administered the Oath of Office to Cierra Moran as she joins the Police Department.

The representative from Energy Optimizers did not attend.

Cara Potter from the Defiance County Library System was on hand to discuss installing a "Storybook Walk" in the village. She would assist with the grant writing and possible partnership with the United Way. The library system or Rotary could also provide funding. Council was impressed and would like this to happen, just at a future date. The Park has no walking trail and they felt it would be too dangerous to put the book holders along the roadway. They asked Ms. Potter to return when the village has the proper location for the trail.

Minutes from the July 14th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Charlie Martin. Ridgway, Barth, Beverly, Klepper and Martin voted yes. Bassett abstained.

A list of bills to be paid was presented. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions:

The **Park Board** met July 28th - minutes were on the table tonight. The Board is meeting with the HBA on August 18th.

Council Committees:

The **Water/Sewer Committee** met July 19th and minutes were in the packets. They asked Troy Essex to draft a letter to Haver Drive residents who have not cleared the easement behind their properties. It is attached tonight.

The **Water/Sewer Committee** met July 21st and minutes were in the packets. They had contacted Energy Optimizers to come and talk to them about doing an energy audit at the Sewer Plant for \$22,500.00. After speaking to them, the Committee decided to have them do an audit on all village properties, not just the Sewer Plant. The audit proposal contract (in the packets) is also for \$22,500.00. Council decided tonight to ask them to attend the next meeting to answer questions. Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith reminded Council that this is a big number and is not budgeted this year. The cost would be spread across the departments, so each department head would have to decide where they want the money pulled from. She also reminded Council they asked employees to forego a raise this year. (due to the uncertainty of the COVID pandemic).

The **Ordinance Committee** met July 27th and minutes were in the packets. Troy Essex was asked to draft an amended Ordinance for the next meeting.

The **Personnel Committee** met tonight at 5:30 pm. Minutes will be provided later.

Councilman Ron Beverly met with Bruce Guilford of Guilford Real Estate to discuss the upcoming auction of the property behind Haver Drive. A copy of an email was included in the packets. August 28th was the date set for the auction. Note: It will be held at "The Clubhouse." Details will be published in the paper and on the website.

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 meetings are shown on YouTube.

Administrator's Report: Wann had a written report for the councilmen tonight:

- The West High contractor asked for an extension and he gave them 5 days.
- The new Sewer truck has arrived. The radio and bedliner have to be installed.
- The old Sewer truck will be listed on the gov.deals website for bidding.
- September 11th will be an auction of obsolete village property.

Solicitor's Report:

- Final reading of **Resolution 2021-09** by caption to rehire Troy Essex for two years as Solicitor. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Larry Ridgway. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Chief Mark Denning reported there were 381 calls in July with 213 cases.*

Fire/EMS Chief: *Scott Cramer was absent.*

Park Director: *Val Shull was present and reported the pool leak has been repaired again. It had holes where the ladder attaches. It appears some patches have been peeled off.*

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

- Fund Status Report / Fund Summary Report (Revenue and Expenditures)
- July Income Tax and Utility Collections reports
- Mediacom Franchise Fee Report

Mayor's Report: Mayor Jones reported the Outdoor Concert Series will have another concert on the Huber patio August 12th. He thanked sponsors SMTA, Hicksville Bank and the Klepper Building Company.

He also asked anyone who can to please volunteer to help out at the Christmas Cruise-Thru.

Larry Ridgway made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer