

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 7th, 2022, 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 Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was amended to include Resolution 2022-03. Mike Barth made a motion to accept the amended agenda, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

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

Minutes from the February 22nd Regular Council Meeting were presented. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes.

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

Boards & Commissions:

The **Park Board** met February 23rd and minutes were in the packets. They spoke with the Boys and Girls Ball Associations. They would like the Administrator to repair the batting cage fencing and the Girls Softball Concession stand needs a new water heater and serving window. They are moving from monthly meetings to quarterly meetings.

Council Committees:

The **Street/Light/Property Committee** met March 3rd. They discussed the Facility Lease Agreement for the Park. They also talked about the possibility of acquiring land and construction of a new Municipal building. Eric Bassett suggested an RFP (Request for Planning) to begin the process. Mayor Jones would like department heads to be consulted during the process.

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: (written report)

- Cory Wann met with DGL on Monday to discuss plans for the upcoming project - Safe Routes to School. He included construction costs in the packets.
- He reported ODOT paving will begin June 1st so there is a little more time to replace the valves that are scheduled.
- The sensors at the WWTP have been recalibrated and the effluent numbers are improved.
- Demolition of the Cole property on High Street is scheduled to begin March 17th.
- Wann has entered into an agreement with Hyper-Reach to provide the village with real-time notification of missing persons, police emergencies, weather alerts, etc. Residents can sign up soon - rollout is April 1st - and receive notifications by phone, email or text.
- The fence between the municipal building and the fire hall has been repaired.
- Wann also distributed a map of the ODOT paving to be completed between 2022 and 2027.
- The bid opening for the Valve Project has been completed. The accepted bidder is Dangler Excavating at \$123,000.00.
- The Meuse Argonne widening - mailboxes will be moved as necessary by the contractor, not the village.
- Ron Beverly asked Wann to check the manhole cover that is too high on High Street and the valve in the street before the Meuse Argonne viaduct.
- Wann asked the mayor to recommend Linda Elwood to fill the janitorial position. Mayor Jones recommended Elwood to council. Ron Beverly made a motion to accept the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Solicitor's Report:

First reading of **Resolution 2022-03** by caption only to adopting and approving a Park Usage Agreement and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Taylor Klepper. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Resolution 2022-03 by caption only. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Chief Denning and Sergeant Doctor were present. The department's calls and cases were included in the packets.*

Fire/EMS Chief: *Chief Cramer was absent. Deputy Chief Bruce Hart was present but had no report.*

Park Director: *Val Shull had no report.*

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

- Fund Status Report / Fund Summary Report (Revenue and Expenditures)
- February Utility, Income Tax and Mayor's Court Collections Reports.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Jones had no report.

At 6:40 Ron Beverly asked for an Executive Session to discuss possible land sale and/or acquisition and economic development, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Council returned to regular session at 7:20 pm.

Taylor Klepper made a motion to adhere to the contract verbiage for the property auction of the 20 acres of the Clearview subdivision and declare the buyer is in breach of contract, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. It was decided to let the land lie for now.

No further business was brought forward.

Charlie Martin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer