

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Tuesday, July 5, 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. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the June 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. Bassett, Klepper, Beverly and Martin voted yes. Barth abstained.

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

**Boards & Commissions:**

The Board of Zoning Appeals met June 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss a lot size variance application by Vick Lilly. They voted to approve.

**Council Committees:**

The Water/Sewer Committee met June 30<sup>th</sup> and minutes were in the packets. Werlor would like to discuss an increase due to the fuel prices. The Administrator gave an update of the wellfield.

The Police & Fire Committee met June 13<sup>th</sup> and minutes were in the packets. Toni Egly had given an oral report at the last meeting.

*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](mailto:hixcs@defnet.com). All council meetings are shown on YouTube and minutes are on the website.*

**Administrator's Report:**

Wann gave the following report:

- State Route paving will run from August 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The valves at the pool area and football field are being replaced. The deadline for completion is July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The pool had another leak. Carson Shull applied a patch to the area and it appears to be holding.
- Ron Beverly asked about the soil at the wellfield from the construction of the road. Wann told him the village has set aside an area for it. It will be used by the village on future projects.
- The water tower bid opening was unsuccessful. There were 2 bids, both over the 10% threshold. Troy Essex said the best bet would be to get an updated estimate from the engineer and have the project rebid. There is an emergency exception to the O.R.C. rules, but it doesn't apply here.

**Solicitor's Report:**

Second reading of **Ordinance 2022-07** authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

First reading of **Ordinance 2022-08** to amend appropriations. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-08. Mike Barth made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes.

First reading of **Resolution 2022-07** to sell Lot 55 of Edgerton's First Addition.

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** Denning had his list of June cases. He said he was advertising for an officer to fill the Lieutenant's position. The candidate would fill an administrative role, leaving Sergeant Doctor to take over the road and be in charge of the officers. He has checked with the Fiscal Officer and the budget will handle the cost for the rest of 2022.

**Fire/EMS Chief:** Cramer is trying to set up a First responder class. Fireman Felix Salinas, Rebecca Somers and Mariah Salinas are interested. Timothy Wells and Cameron Byanski have applied as well. Logan Friesner has applied for the part-time EMS position. He is from Grover Hill and is certified as an EMT-B with 2 years' experience. Mayor Jones made the recommendation to approve hiring Mr. Friesner. Ron Beverly made a motion to

*approve the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes. Chief Cramer reported Cody Sanders and Drew Wort will be taking a driver's training class so they can be certified to teach the course. Travis Phillips and Scott Cramer are taking the Firefighter II class.*

**Park Director:** *Val Shull was absent. No report.*

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

Fund Status Report / Fund Summary Report (Revenue and Expenditures)  
June Mayor's Court, Income Tax and Utility Collections Reports  
Smith reported the contract with SMTA has been signed and the contract with the school for their use of the park has been renewed.

**Mayor's Report:**

- Mayor Jones reported the time capsule was opened and it was apparently filled by the mayor that year. It was for the dedication of the new municipal building in 1965.
- He reminded everyone the Huber Concert Series will be Thursday at 7 pm with Jerome Schooley providing music and the Rotary providing food.
- The tournaments at the park were a success with 35 teams participating. Thank you to the police department and EMS for their roles.

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

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer