

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday October 17, 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, Charlie Martin, Mike Barth, Taylor Klepper and Toni Egly; Solicitor Troy Essex; Administrator Cory Wann; and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith. Councilman Ron Beverly was absent.

Minutes from the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

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

**Boards & Commissions:**

The HIX TV Board meeting minutes from September 10<sup>th</sup> were in the packets.

**Council Committees:**

The **Police/Fire/EMS Committee** met October 5<sup>th</sup> minutes were in the packets. The discussion covered the Fire/EMS budget for 2023. Chief Cramer also had a personnel issue that the committee agreed he should handle directly.

The **Finance Committee** met October 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Department heads are encouraged to have their budgets turned in.

The **Water/Sewer Committee** met October 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm to discuss the Werlor contract with Michelle Ryder. No minutes were available at 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](mailto:hixcs@defnet.com). All council meetings are shown on YouTube and minutes are on the website.*

**Administrator's Report:**

- Wann thanked the street department employees who found an elderly gentleman who had fallen in the park. They called 911 and had to dismantle the turnstile gate where he had become entangled.
- Leaf pick up started today.
- The water tower foundation is slated to be in place yet this year. The steel order is still 120 days out. Soon we will have to decide on the logo for the tank.
- The test well that may have to be drilled in a different location will be approximately \$8,000.00. (Troy Essex) The AEP easement at the wellfield is in the works.
- Tomorrow Choice One Engineering will be in town to look at 2 items in the park that need to be addressed. First is dismantling the old pool and second is the problem of removing the hill at the backside of the Pavilion. Taylor Klepper asked if this was going to cost the village or is it pro bono? Cory said there would be no cost.

**Solicitor's Report:**

- First reading of Resolution 2022-17 by caption only to enter into a contract with Bruce Guilford Real Estate to sell Lot 55 of Edgerton's First Addition at public auction 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 2022-17 by caption only. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.
- Essex reported the requested updates to the ordinances are 2/3rds done.

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief:** Mark Denning reported Officer Shuherk will be leaving. His last day is Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire/EMS Chief:** *Scott Cramer thanked everyone who came out to the Pancake Breakfast, He reminded citizens to check their smoke detector batteries and not to plug in heaters using an extension cord or power strip. This creates a fire hazard.*

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

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

- Fund Status / Cash Summary (Revenue & Expenditures)
- September Mayor's Court Report
- August & September Revolving Loan Reports
- September Bureau of Labor Statistics Report
- Reminder that flu shots will be available for employees Tuesday and Thursday at the Hicksville Pharmacy.

**Mayor's Report:**

The mayor is working with Maumee Valley Planning on a comprehensive master plan for future village development.

Taylor Klepper reported there may be a new association of downtown business owners formed to keep the downtown area vital and growing. He will keep council apprised.

At 6:30 pm Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer