

Haskins Village Council

August 16th 2021

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COUNCIL MEETING

The Village Council of Haskins met via Zoom.

A. Mayor Heft called the meeting to order with Mary Wright and Paul Skaff attending via zoom.

B. Roll Call all here by roll call, council members present:

Mayor: Bradley A. Heft

Clerk / Treasurer: Lisa D. Heft

President Pro Temp: Eric Prehn

Council Members: **Helen Bonnough, Nancy Perry, Nick Thompson
Jason Vogel song, Mary Wright @via zoom**

Absent **Helen Bonnough**

Solicitor: Paul Skaff

Colby Carroll

Village

Administrator:

Police: Chief Carroll

Visitors:

C. Perry moved Vogel song 2nd to approve agenda for tonight's is meeting, all yes motion carried.

D. Reports, communications, appointments, and confirmations, from the mayor, directors, of departments, and another village.

1. Mayor Heft reported that council can wear masks if they wish. Plastic dividers have been placed and the seating in council chambers is 6ft apart.

E. Reading and disposal of the journal of proceedings: Vogel song moved Prehn 2nd to approve the journal or proceedings for the July 6 2021 council meeting, all yes motion carried.

F. Village Administrator/Police: Topics of discussion to include:

1. Survey from Feller & Finch for the downtown sidewalks and Wenz property should be completed soon.
2. RICE Peaking hosting site in Haskins will not be feasible as the interconnection fee from Toledo Edison has an estimate cost of \$400,000.00. Mayor Heft asked if there was anything that was signed that would make the village liable. Nancy Perry asked if there was an interconnection fee for the solar field when the field was installed. The solar field is behind the meter with Toledo Edison not making any money.
3. Those who are attending the AMP conference in September will have email confirmation.
4. Mr. Carroll, Kevin Norman and Jeremy Harpel will be attending a Utility Expo at the end of September.

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5. Officer Carroll, Huffman and Tonjes will be attending the Attorney General Law Enforcement Conference October 18th and 19th. These conferences are subject to the pandemic guidelines.
6. Presented the calls for service report from January to present from the police department.
7. Mayor Heft suggested the village look again at a path to Sundaze, with the business expanding, getting people safely walking there. Mr. Vogelsong agrees with baseball games, he has seen people walking on the grass to get ice cream. Perhaps petitioning the state to have a cross walk put in. Nancy Perry feels the village needs to concentrate on village roads instead of this path. Jason Vogelsong asked about Amplex to the WWTP building, this will not work as of right now.
8. Mr. Carroll presented pay addendum number 3 to include anniversary pays for Officer Huffman and Tonjes. This pay addendum includes a new hire for WWTP of James Benschoter and a new hire for seasonal work, a student from Penta. Mr. Carroll also explained that the WWTP has lost 2 assistant treatment plant operators. The village is going to have two maintenance employees assume some of these roles at the WWTP. These employees will earn better pay and perhaps be interested in looking into school to get licensed for the WWTP which schooling could take 2.5 years. Mary Wright stated that is a good feeling when your employer wants to invest in you. These WWTP hours will be kept under 35 hours per week. These employees are part time and will have hours monitored. The village has never had full time employees at the WWTP and has been very fortunate, thought there may come a day for a full-time staff. **Prehn moved Perry 2nd to approve pay addendum number 3, all yes motion carried.**

G. Committee Reports:

A Finance and Audit: Mr. Prehn updated council on a meeting that was held this evening before council. This committee will continue to meet and monitor village finances. **Prehn moved Perry 2nd to approve this committee recommendation to transfer \$75,000.00 from the General Fund to the Income tax Capital Improvement fund, all yes motion carried.**

B. Public Safety: Mr. Carroll reported that a speed trailer the village borrowed from the OSP to monitor speed in town. There was a complaint from a resident concerning speeders on the main route in Haskins. There were 57,000 vehicles that passed by the trailer from June 25 until July 8th. Of the 57,000 vehicles 9,458 were speeding or approximately 16 percent.

C. Streets and Utilities: Jason Vogelsong stated that Mr. Carroll covered his topics. Mr. Vogelsong stated that it is unfortunate about the peaking project is not happening, the village has put much time and effort into this. Mr. Vogelsong is glad

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Feller and Finch are scheduled and the 1st responders park is looking good. The seeding and the bench will be installed soon. A quote from Palmer excavating was received for the repair that is needed by the fire department. This quote was for just over \$11,000.00 and did not include grading and seeding. **Vogelsong moved Prehn 2nd to approve this quote for this repair not to exceed \$14,000.00, all yes motion carried.**

D. Public Services: Reported on was the brush drop off bin on King Road has wear and tear and is in need of repairs. A contractor recently came to town and dumped debris in the bin for a job that was completed in Waterville. Mr. Harpel has contacted this company and they are supposed to come pick up, to date it was still there. The village may have to look at what other villages are doing for brush drop off perhaps a locked gate and only have this available during certain times. The village maintenance department spends an ample amount of time cleaning this bin up. Mary Wright asked what the village does with the mulch that is shredded. The residents can come pick this mulch up though it is not the best quality. Nancy Perry asked if the village discontinues the brush drop off will the village offer move brush pick up days. Mary Wright stated that she uses the facility in Waterville, Clean Wood Company for her drop off, they are very reasonable. Nancy Perry stated that adding more brush and leaf pick up days would be difficult with the village is not consistent with those who put brush out all of the time. There is also Easy Green on Route 25 that the village could contact.

E. Rules and Ordinances: Nick Thompson reported on a committee meeting that was held with topics of the Solar Ordinance. Mr. Thompson had the power point presentation from AMP and also 6 or 7 examples of ordinances pertaining to this. This committee has also recommended that the elected clerk be moved into a hired clerk, this is in the best interest of the village. This change has been talked about for many years with most village's going this route. Anyone can run for election; this direction will allow the village to retain and hire experienced clerks in the future. Fencing zoning violations have been brought to this committee concerning the fencing of a corner or side lot. This is a zoning violation with the village needing to find out who had obtained permits for this fencing. The village will get with the zoning inspector as well with Mary Wright having the addresses of those fences that need to be looked at.

F. Facilities and Grounds: This committee met and discussed the Wood County Park Grant that will be applied for. Also, the sign at Lusher Park, perhaps power washing it and replacing the Plexi glass. The shelter house roof at Children's Park needs to be finished and enclosed. This committee will look into a parent/me swing, picnic tables and mulch for the parks. ODNR has grants the village can apply for with a 25 percent match of funds for parks. It was reported that that the concrete tucking at the village maintenance building needs repair. Several companies have been contacted concerning this repair with only one company submitting a quote in the amount of \$8,000.00 for this repair. **Perry moved Vogel song 2nd to accept this quote, all yes motion carried.** Mayor Heft stated there is a nice park in Morenci

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Michigan along with Farnsworth and Wakefield park. Jason Vogelsong asked if the maintenance crew could rebuild the garage sale signs the village had at one time.

Nancy Perry asked about the inside of the maintenance building.

K. Treasurer's Report (Cash Summary by fund, Fund Status, Payment Accounts, and Mayor's Court receipts, Bank reconciliation presented the second meeting of the month. The payment of accounts from July 2nd – August 16th 2021 was approved with questions being asked on 416-21 (bucket truck payment) it appeared as if it was paid twice. The clerk will look into this, all yes motion carried.

L Miscellaneous business (discussion of matter of general interest, communications, petitions and claims. Reported on was the Recovery act money that will be coming. The village will be receiving \$129,577.06 in two installments of \$67,788.53 this year and one next year. There are restrictive uses on this money.

M. Visitors input for the good of the village:

N. Upcoming Meeting and Important dates:

O. Adjournment: Vogelsong moved Perry 2nd to adjourn

Lisa D. Heft Clerk Treasurer

Bradley A. Heft Mayor