

Haskins Village Council

December 6th 2021

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COUNCIL MEETING

The Village Council of Haskins met at the townhall.

A. Mayor Heft called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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**

Absent **Bonnough and Perry**

Solicitor: Paul Skaff

Colby Carroll

Village

Administrator:

Police: Chief Carroll

Visitors: Brandon Hillyard, Zack Hillyard, Yousef Boussalia, Alexis Etchie, Kaitlyn Snow, Joel Baker and Ireland Burras

C. Prehn moved Vogel song 2nd to approve agenda for tonight’s meeting all yes motion carried.

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

1. Mayor Heft stated with the Covid numbers going up, he is going to look for the state for guidance concerning going back to zoom meetings.

E. Reading and disposal of the journal of proceedings: Perry moved Prehn 2nd to approve the journal or proceedings for the November 15th 2021 council meeting, all yes motion carried.

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

1. Mr. Carroll gave update on the saving for medical insurance by switching plans. There was a guaranteed savings of \$10,609.92 with the village actually saving \$12,540.37 for a total of \$23,150.00 dollars. With 11 months of monitoring, Mr. Carroll stated it was not that difficult to administer. The employees have an online portal they access and download a PDF and submit receipts on a monthly basis for reimbursement.
2. Mr. Carroll is working with AMP and other Vendors for a customer portal for utility billing. One vendor being who Tri-County uses with a cost between \$71-\$76 Thousand dollars. When speaking with CMI our current billing program, the village was told that in 2023 the J Base system the village uses will no longer be supported. Mr. Carroll was told by CMI that the village program currently has the platform to pay on line, something the village was not aware of. Mr.

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Carroll feels since this is the case perhaps converting this process will be less expensive. Mr. Carroll is waiting for a call from CMI.

3. Officer Tonjes last day was December 1st as full-time police officer with Officer Roe stepping into this role beginning December 2nd. Mr. Carroll presented pay addendum 1 that need to be retroactive for Mr. Roe's start date and the other pay increases to go into effect December 26th 2021 for the upcoming year.
4. Mayor Heft asked if the maintenance department is ready for the winter season. Yes, they are, an order was just placed for 25 tons of salt to add to the salt the village currently has.

G. Public Presentations and Hearings:

H. Old Business:

I. New Business:

1. **Resolution R-2021-10 (Annual Appropriations for 2022) Prehn moved Wright 2nd for the 1st reading of this, all yes motion carried.**
2. **Ordinance O-2021-2 (to combine the Office of the Clerk and Treasurer into the appointed Office of Fiscal Officer) Prehn moved Thompson 2nd for the 1st reading of this all yes motion carried.**
3. **Ordinance O-2021-3 (to establish the duties of the Fiscal Officer and waving residency requirements) Prehn moved, Thompson 2nd for the 1st reading, all yes motion carried.**

J. Committee Reports:

A. Finance and Audit: Eric Prehn reported on a meeting that was recently held where the committee of the whole had agreed to send the appropriations and spread sheet to council for fiscal year 2022. The committee is still watching the state of the village finances and will continue to track them. This committee also recommended taking placing 20% percent of the income tax collections into the income tax capital projects fund. Wright asked on why the village had stopped doing this, Mr. Prehn explained. **Prehn moved, Wright 2nd to place 80 % of income tax collections in income tax fund and 20% into the income tax capital improvement fund. Legislation will be drafted for this. Prehn moved, Vogel song 2nd to approve pay addendum #1 with retroactive pay for Roe to December 2nd and the rest to begin December 26th, all yes motion carried.**

B. Public Safety: absent, the new cruiser is still being worked on.

C. Streets and Utilities: nothing to report

D. Public Services: absent.

E. Rules and Ordinances: Mr. Thompson was glad to see the two ordinances on the agenda for 1st reading. The Solar Ordinance is still be worked on along with the changing of the meters. He feels the village is moving in the right direction.

F. Facilities and Grounds: Mary Wright asked about the tucking at the maintenance building, this is being worked on. There has been no information on the ball field at the village hall. Mr. Carroll will contact these people again stating there is a T-

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Mobile grant for these types of projects, however it needs to be a shovel ready. Mayor Heft asked if there were any infrastructure grants available.

K. Treasurer's Report (Cash Summary by fund, Fund Status, Payment Accounts, and Mayor's Court receipts, Bank November 11th - December 2nd 2021, Prehn moved Wright 2nd to approve with questions being asked on the NSF fee and the financial agent all yes motion carried.

L Miscellaneous business (discussion of matter of general interest, communications, petitions and claims.

M. Visitors input for the good of the village: Joel Baker approached council concerning the discussion on road installation on South Sullivan as he is a homeowner at this end. Mr. Baker is new to the Village of Haskins and also asked of there would be any special assessments because of this road extension. Mr. Carroll explained this as the 2nd entrance/exit has been discussed for some time now. This road will not be straight road though have a 60ft right of way. This road will be designed properly though it will have angles. These angles should detour anyone from speeding (proper speed signage will be posted). Mr. Carroll did not speak for council agreeing, that this plan is still be worked on and wanting to get in front of this entrance/exit before it becomes a bigger issue.

N. Upcoming Meeting and Important dates:

O. Adjournment: Prehn moved Wright 2nd to adjourn @7:45 PM

Lisa D. Heft Clerk Treasurer

Bradley A. Heft Mayor