

VILLAGE OF HASKINS

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

June 5th 2023

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: Eric Prehn

Solicitor: Paul Skaff

Village Administrator: Colby Carroll

Police: Chief Carroll

Visitors: Matt Huffman, Sandy Wiechman, Jeremy Allen, Laurie Tolchinski

C. Bonnough moved Perry 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. Sandy Wiechman presented the Wood County Park Grant Check to the Village of Haskins for the grant that was awarded for bleachers that are located in Lusher Park.
2. Mayor Heft asked if there is was any update on the Post Office. Mr. Carroll stated the Post Office wanted the deed to the parcel that the modular post office will sit on. The Village only has one entire parcel of all the 5 acres. The village has been working on keeping the post office in town for many years. The building the post office was renting is being sold. The building owner did offer a 90-day extension to the post office however the post office declined. The post office is now saying a stick-built building would be less expensive than a modular as the post office has told the village a modular was already built and ready. The post office person the village has been dealing with stated that he was not aware of any options that the village has proposed over the last few years. Cluster Boxes are not an option as the post office has declined this offer as well while they build a post office. The Village has placed a mail box out front as the Village town hall is on the mail route. The post office is telling the village it would be approximately 6-9 months to have a building for mail. The clerk presented the letter from Sue Brooks concerning the post office. Nancy Perry stated she would write a letter or reach out to Ms. Brooks. Dave Austin in attendance stated that it is not the local post office that people should upset with, this is coming from people in North Carolina.

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E. Reading and disposal of the journal of proceedings: Perry moved Bonnough 2nd to approve the journal or proceedings for the May 1st 2023 meeting , all yes motion carried.

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

1. The treatment plant internet discussion with Amplex and Spectrum is still ongoing.
2. The maintenance roof damage was not covered by the insurance claim, the maintenance department is working on obtaining quotes to make this repair.
3. Smoke testing will begin on Wednesday on Yorkshire, East and West Greenwood, Kingsbury, Findlay and Sugar, Watts and Mary. Door hangers and Nixle alerts have went out. Mr. Carroll explained why the village is doing smoke testing. When it rains in the village the village is treating 6 times more the amount thought the treatment plant. This water is sanitary it should not go thought the plant, this tell the village there is leaks, crack in pipes downspouts and sub pumps. The village has to report to the EPA and what steps are being taken to reduce the volume at the plant.
4. The Lexipol Village Government policy is on going.
5. Mary Wright would like a follow up on Invoice Cloud auto pay function.
6. Mary Wright asked how the update on the Website was going. Mr. Carroll answered saying the firm we hired has full access to and it should be live soon.
7. Mary Wright would like a job description for the treasurer, with Mr. Carroll and the clerk discussing this. Ms. Wright would like budgeting plans for the future and a 5-year plan.

G. Public Presentations and Hearings:

H. Old Business:

I. New Business:

1. **Resolution R-2023-9(approving the draft amended Wood County Solid Waste Management Plan) Wright moved Perry 2nd for the 1st reading with Vogelsong moving Perry to suspend rules and pass as emergency due to time limits, all yes on both motions, Resolution stands adopted.**
2. **Appointment of Alternate Delegate for the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA).** The clerk reported that this is generally always been the President of Council. Nick Thompson stated he would be interested in serving as an alternate with his financial background. Wright moved Perry 2nd to appoint Nick Thompson as the alternate to RITA, all yes motion carried.

J. Committee Reports:

A. Finance and Audit: Absent

B. Public Safety: Mary Wright asked he committee about a recent email that was sent concerning pay raises for the police officers. Ms. Wright feels the police officers

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need to be paid more per hour though disagrees with the position of Mr. Carroll receiving a raise as an 8 percent raise was already approved. This led to discussion in audience with Dave Austin stating the village took away the brush drop off, now raises and Jeremy Allen asking how much it would cost for the Wood County Sheriff to patrol. These questions were answered. The village continues to do brush pick up two time per year and after storms. Nick Thompson stated there has to be a more cost-effective way for the brush. The village budgeting was explained as there is an operating police levy to help support the police department. Mayor Heft stating the pay needs to be able to attract new officers from the academy. Mary Wright feels the police officers are paid to low and would like to see an increase with Mayor Heft stating the village maintains budgets to allow for police services.

C. Streets and Utilities: Jason Vogelsong reported that the figure 8 in Children's Park and the parking lot next to Or's is complete. Discussion on what the village can do for the brush drop off site such as utilizing Renewed. Asked if the 2nd speed study was completed. The potential crosswalks were discussed with the Crosswalk at Greenwood does not cross to a sidewalk. The 2nd speed study that was done does not change anything. The crosswalks will be LED with the village going to revisit the speed limits in town. Mayor Heft reminded council to look for the future when planning for the 2nd entrance/exit out of Logan Meadows. Mr. Carroll presented a quote for sidewalk repair outside of village hall. It was decided that not all the sidewalk would be repaired as when the post office places modular it could break with heavy equipment. **Vogelsong moved Wright 2nd to approve the concrete quote from Yardwork for the 50 by 6 and the 4 by 4 section not to exceed \$2600.00, all yes motion carried.** Mary Wright reported that she did contact the City of Bowling Green concerning trailers and campers and how the city handles these. The City of Bowling Green does have code enforcement that handles this. Ms. Wright was also told to contact the legal counsel for the village Mr. Paul Skaff. Brad Heft stated that Planning Commission has moved to the first Wednesday of the month with the first meeting being on Wednesday June 7th 2023. A street sweeping quote was obtained in the amount of \$2250.00, this street sweeping should be done twice per year.

D. Public Services: Mr. Carroll presented a quote for a side by side that was available for purchase however has since been sold. Mr. Carroll has been looking along with the maintenance department for this piece of equipment along with financing options. Mr. Carroll suggested that the village council perhaps approve an amount of not to exceed to purchase a side by side so the village can move forward when one becomes available. Mayor Heft and Helen Bonnough stated they feel a side by side is not needed. Mary Wright stated that she is not 100 percent sure the village needs one as well. Mr. Carroll stated as he has stated in the past what can the village no longer do or need things when something is replaced. The village has sold the smaller truck with this side by side can be used if the sidewalk goes down to Sundaze and in the park. The maintenance department is having to lift a mower into the truck for the push mowing that is done. Mayor Heft asked what is being push mowed. The intersections, the old town hall parking lot and near guardrails. The purchase for this side by side has been tabled indefinitely. Nancy Perry reported that there is a village tree on 106 Mary Street that is half dead. Mary Wright reported that on Earl North there is a sidewalk hazard. Nancy Perry stated there are many sidewalk hazards in town that need repaired or replaced. This led to discussion with Mr. Allen stating he would help with

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the sidewalks that are in question. Helen Bonnough stated if other sidewalks need repair to please bring to council attention.

E. Rules and Ordinances: Nothing to report

F. Facilities and Grounds: Nick Thompson reported that this committee will be working on the Wood County Park District grant as the check for this year's award was presented earlier. The grant ideas are the bathroom at Lusher Park, the shelter house roof at Children's Park, basketball courts and soccer nets. Mr. Carroll reported on a meeting he had with the Parents Assoc. for the ball league. Advertising on the villages' outfield fence for local business's was discussed. The Ball field behind the village was discussed. A question was asked about placing a fence along with railroad tracks at Lusher park. The rail road has a large right of way and no one should be near or crossing this track at the grain elevator. Mayor Heft stated that for the future please reach out to Nick Eckel who own the property next to Lusher park to allow if he sells to have the village have the 1st opportunity to purchase this land for the park.


K. Treasurer's Report (Cash Summary by fund, Fund Status, Payment Accounts, and Mayor's Court receipts, Bank Reconciliation: Perry moved Vogelsong to approve the payment of accounts from April 26th to May 1st 2023 all yes motion carried. Bank reconciliation was approved and signed for the month of May.

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

M. Visitors input for the good of the village: Mayor Heft opened the floor for visitors reminding those to please be courteous and respectful to allow for good discussion. The village is working on the brush drop off to find a working resolution. Perhaps having a Renewed representative come to a council meeting. Jeremy Allen stated he was parked over the sidewalk at his house and was told it was hear say on how this was brought up. Nancy Perry proceed to tell on what happened to someone she knows who was parked over sidewalk and a child riding a bike ran into his truck. Mr. Allen feels that if "here say" or "anonymous" letters should not be responded to. Mary Wright stated she is very passionate about the zoning code and knows the zoning inspector holds a full-time job elsewhere. Jeremy Allen stated he did come to council this evening with a chip on his shoulder though now listening does have a better understanding. Mr. Allen stated there needs to be checks and balances, come to council voice your concerns.

N. Upcoming Meeting and Important dates:

O. Adjournment: Bonnough moved Vogelsong 2nd to adjourn @ 9:23 PM



Lisa D. Heft Clerk Treasurer

Bradley A. Heft Mayor