

VILLAGE OF HASKINS

Committee Meeting of the Whole

April 29TH 2024

COUNCIL MEETING

The Village Council of Haskins met at the townhall.

A. Council President called the meeting to order at 7PM with the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Mayor: Nicholas Thompson

Clerk / Treasurer: Lisa D. Heft

President Pro Temp: Eric Prehn

Council Members: Nancy Perry, Helen Bonnough, Spencer Elfring
Jason Vogelsong, Mary Wright

Absent: Mayor Thompson

Solicitor: Paul Skaff

Village Administrator: Colby Carroll

Police: Chief Carroll

Visitors: Matt Huffman, Jeremy Harpel, Sean Crosby, Gary Haydel, Brian M

C. **Bonnough moved Elfring 2nd** to approve the agenda for the meeting, all yes with the removal of public presentations and committee reports, motion carried.

D. Old Business:

1. Discussion on the Waste Water Treatment Plant position:

Colby Carroll reported on this, stating Mr. Haydel plans to retire permanently in 2-3 years, Mr. Haydel is currently the village's operator of record for the WWTP. Currently the village has 3 operators part time at the plant, stating it is time for the village to hire and train a full-time person. Hiring someone for the first step will take approximately 1 year to obtain license with the 2nd license taking 18 months of training. Mr. Carroll stated with the RCAP rate study the cost of a full-time position will be added into study. As it stands now The Village of Pemberville is our sister plant with Mr. Haydel helping out at the plant when needed. Councilman Vogelsong asked if it was possible to obtain a level 1 operator that is already certified. Mr. Haydel stated that it hard to hire as there are so many openings that are not being filled now, the pool is limited. Councilwoman Mary Wright asked on how Mr. Haydel will train as we work. Mr. Haydel has 30 plus years of experience. Jason Vogelsong asked if there is some sort of SOP for when Mr. Haydel retires. There are many manuals on the entire WWTP. For the full-time position it would be 20 hours in the facility and 20 hours of training. Jason Vogelsong asked if the Enterprise fund an support the cost of a fulltime position. Council President Eric Prehn stated he would like to move forward to create this position and modify some of the language in the job description to include if someone eternally interviews and having the different levels established in case this is hired position to allow for steps in wages for the WWTP. Perry moved Elfring 2nd this recommendation to take to council, all yes motion carried.

2. **Sick time summary from various municipalities.** Mr. Carroll presented a summary of information he collected from village's and cites around the area to compare to the villages current policy 700.173 for sick time for a full-time employee. The new proposal is changing the full time all full-time employees to 4.6 hours from 3.1hours of sick time with the current employees being grandfathered in. Eric Prehn would like to see a cap on

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this accrual. Colby Carroll stated that the village has never paid out sick time since he has been with the village. Sick time has been transferred on the LE side and this can only be transferred one time. The village has paid out vacation time. **Prehn moved Bonnough 2nd** to send this amendment to council for approval, all yes motion carried.

3. **The street renewal or replacement levy for the fall ballot.** The fiscal officer presented what a renewal and a replacement would bring for the 2.5 levy that will be expiring. Prehn moved with Vogel song 2nd to have the clerk prepare legislation for a renewal of the 2.5 street levy to be placed on the fall ballot.
4. **Ice Rink.** It was reported that the ice rink went well, however the placement at the location was not ideal. Jeremy Harpel prepared a pricing packet for council to look at. This included moving this ice rink to a hard service with one option being at the parking lot at the corner of Church St. and Main Street. The proposed quote was for over \$7,000.00 dollars. Mary Wright feels that is a lot of money and perhaps applying for a Wood County Park Grant would be a better option. Jason Vogel song asked if this rink could be placed in Children's park. Wright moved Vogel song 2nd to send this information to the Facilities and Grounds Committee for further discussion, all yes motion carried.
5. Colby Carroll reported that he has obtained quotes for the ponding that accrues at Lusher Park, the lowest quote was \$110,000.00 this it to repair the run underneath.
6. Colby Carroll reported that a mower is in need as the current mower has 1100 hours on it. The Maintenance department mows approximately 25 acres per week. Quotes will be presented at the next meeting as one vendor is running a 48-month lease for a 60-inch mower deck. Mr. Carroll will have more quotes and information for the next council meeting.
7. Mr. Carroll will not be in attendance for the May 6th council meeting, council decided to cancel the May 6th meeting on meet again on June 3rd 2024.

F. . Visitors input for the good of the village:

G. Upcoming Meeting and Important dates:

H. Adjournment: Bonnough moved Vogel song 2nd to adjourn @ 8:12PM

Lisa D. Heft Fiscal Officer

Nicholas Thompson Mayor