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COUNCIL MEETING

The Village Council of Haskins met at the townhall.

A. Eric Prehn called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Mayor: Nicholas Thompson
Fiscal Officer: Lisa D. Heft
President Pro Temp: Eric Prehn
Council Members: Helen Bonnough, Nancy Perry
Jason Vogel song, Mary Wright

Absent

Solicitor: Paul Skaff
Colby Carroll

**Village
Administrator:**

Police: Chief Carroll

Visitors: Mrs. Thompson and son, Addison Szymanski, William Chase, Ireland Buras, Grace Dickson and Ben Jones

Organizational Business: Council Member Eric Prehn administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Elect Nicholas Thompson; Mayor Nicholas Thompson administered the Oath of Office to Council Elect Nancy Perry and Mary Wright.

C. Perry moved Prehn 2nd to approve agenda for tonight's meeting with the addition of the Rules of Council passage, all yes motion carried

Perry moved to nominate Prehn as President Pro Tempore, Prehn 2nd Perry moved to close nominations, Prehn 2nd voice roll call vote all for Prehn, Prehn will President Pro Tempore for 2022. Helen Bonnough has put in a letter of interest for the vacant council seat. The village will post for 30 days with the mayor waiving his right to fill after 30 days to see if there is any interest. Discussion on the council dates for 2022 took place with Nancy Perry stating she feels that the 2nd meeting of the month needs to be set as a regular council meeting. This change will be amended in the rules of council as well.

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

- 1. Mayor Thompson stated to the young people in attendance that in the November election he was elected mayor as the former Mayor has retired. Mayor Thompson reminded young people to get involved to share your love of your community.**
- 2. Mayor Thompson reported that there is now a vacant council seat and council has 30 days to fill that seat. The village will advertise for this vacant seat.**
- 3. The mayor and council set the council calendar for 2024 with the first Monday of the month (unless holiday) council will meet. The 2nd Monday of the month will be utilized for holding committee meetings. Mayors Court will remain the same along with Planning Commission. This schedule can be adjusted if need be. Garage sale days will be July 11th, 12th and 13th Haskins will hold Trick or Treat**

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on October 26th from 6-8PM. A Holiday Party for village employees was tentatively set for December 12th 2024.

4. Mayor Thompson kept council committees and chairs the same, council members approved this.
5. Perry moved Bonnough 2nd to nominate Eric Prehn for President Pro Tempore for year 2024, all yes motion carried.
6. Waste Management will be meeting with the village soon as the Waste Management contract is coming up for renewal.
- 7.

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

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

1. The RCAP Rate Study is ongoing along with working on EPA plans
2. The crosswalk parts are in, they will be installed in warmer weather.
3. Estimate for roundabout at 582/64 cost is 2.8-3.3 million dollars. Council was emailed the crash study report from this intersection.
4. A meeting will be forthcoming for the secondary entrance/exit from the Logan Meadows Subdivision.
5. The calls for service reports for the police department for fiscal year for 2023 was presented.
6. Mr. Carroll explained the Ohio Collaboration Submission for the police department.
7. A conditional job offer for the full-time police offers is pending with a start date of January 8th 2024.
8. Mr. Carroll gave an update on the post office building status. A case file has been created with the Post Master General. Bob Lata's office has been informed of this lack of mail service. This is the number one complaint in the village, with the residents know this is not a village issue. The village has offered many options to the post office to include the town hall building and land to place a modular on. It has been stated that the post office may move back to the location in vacated early though not confirmed. Mr. Carroll stated that he the postal service is self-funded and not funded by tax payers. Mary Wright would like be a part of the call to the post office general when it happens, Mr. Carroll will keep council informed.

G. Public Presentations and Hearings:

H. Old Business:

1. **Ordinance 2023-12 (amending certain sections of the Village of Haskins Zoning Code) Wright moved Prehn 2nd for the 2nd reading of this, all yes motion carried.**

I. New Business:

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1. There is an Open Council Seat. Mayor Thompson will place something on social media to accept letters of interest. Council will then make a decision at the next council meeting.
2. **Resolution R-2024-1 (rules of council) Prehn moved Bonnough 2nd to approve the rules of council reading with removal of Section 5 and changing to the elected clerk treasurer position to hired Fiscal Officer, all yes resolution stands adopted.** The Fiscal officer will have the updates to this at the next council meeting.
3. Helen Bonnough left the meeting at 7:39PM

J. Committee Reports:

A. Finance and Audit: The clerk presented the cash summary by fund for fiscal year 2023, these financial are compete. The clerk will have the break down for the next council meeting. Mr. Carroll presented pay addendum number 1 for fiscal year 2024 retroactive to December 24th 2023. Mr. Carroll explained the highlighted sections to include the hiring of a snow plow driver if needed if the Maintenance Supervisor cannot make it in. Mary Wright asked on how the salary was calculated on the Fiscal Officer position, this was explained based on a biweekly pay at 20 hours per week. It was also stated that the third lineman position is not filled. All of the pays in yellow are based on beginning of the year with all others based on hire date anniversary. **Prehn moved Perry 2nd to approve pay addendum number 1 is approved all yes motion carried**

B. Public Safety:

C. Streets and Utilities: Mr. Carroll reported that the property located near the WWTP, there is a grant for economic development however this needs to be a destination business. This land needs infrastructure improvements and the drive back to the WWTP cannot withstand the traffic. Jason Vogelsong asked about the sidewalks on the West side of downtown, still waiting on information however Mr. Carroll will contact Feller & Finch. Still waiting on more information from AMPLEX however with the Railroad Tracks this will be the biggest hurdle for fiberoptic. Putting a Dish at the town hall is not an option. Mayor Thompson stated his neighbor has satellite internet. Mr. Carroll stated that 80 percent of the list on Ferguson Group the village did not qualify for. The list of streets that is need of repairs will need to be looked at. This committee will look at this list to start the process. The repairs of the roads will most likely have to go out to bid. Nancy Perry asked of the storm drains that need repair has been completed. They have not and waiting on nicer weather. Brush Clean up as has been an issue if it falls on the date's meters are read, this will be adjusted when it starts again in the spring.

D. Public Services: A meeting will be forthcoming to discuss the WM contract.

E. Rules and Ordinances:

F. Facilities and Grounds: The Postmaster in BG has said the temporary boxes was discussed. Mr. Carroll let this person know the village has NEVER discussed this option. It is not the village's responsibly to upkeep or provide a space for cluster boxes. The village has been very diligent on keeping the post office in town either at the town hall or a modular to be located at the village hall that was heavily discussed with the postal service. Ms. Perry feels that if cluster boxes are installed they will become permanent and the village will have no post office. The village has even

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stated the postal service can place postal boxes in the village hall. Eric Prehn stated that the council is NOT going to do anything at this time.

K. Treasurer's Report (Cash Summary by fund, Fund Status, Payment Accounts, and Mayor's Court receipts, Prehn moved Vogel song 2nd to approve the payment of accounts from 12-12-to 12-31-2023, all yes motion carried. The December 2023 Bank Reconciliation was presented and approved.

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

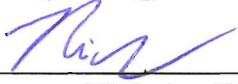
M. Visitors input for the good of the village:

N. Upcoming Meeting and Important dates:

O. Adjournment: Vogel song moved Wright 2nd to adjourn @ 8:32PM



Lisa D. Heft Fiscal Officer



Nicholas Thomas Mayor