

**VILLAGE OF HASKINS**  
**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**  
July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**The Village Council of Haskins met at the townhall.**

**A.** President Pro Temp called the meeting to order at 7PM with the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Mayor Thompson recognized those and thanked them for their service.

**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  
Colby Carroll  
**Village Administrator:**  
**Police:** Chief Carroll  
**Visitors:** Joseph Hines

**C. Wright moved Elfring 2nd to approve agenda , all yes with the addition of item 3 ( AMI line of credit with AMP) all yes motion carried.**

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

**E. Reading and disposal of the journal of proceedings: Perry moved Elfring 2nd to approve the journal or proceedings for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> regular council meeting , all yes, motion carried,**

**F. Village Administrator/Police:** Mr. Carroll reported on the following topics:

1. The village has hired a fulltime WWTP Employee, he is not licensed however will be working on obtaining the necessary licensing.
2. Emergency Kits were distributed to council and employees. These include items necessary if there was some sort of disaster that could happen in the village. These kits include a radio that this system if for village use only, it is secured and encrypted. There will be quarterly training along with the EMA completing and table top exercise.
3. Questions on the speed sign in town, a report will be given at the next meeting. This sign seems to flash at 30-35MPH, this will be looked at. The ODOT speed study there has been no changes however the traffic code for state routes will be changing in the village.
4. Officer McConaha is heading up National Night Out which will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a bounce house and Mail Pouch will be helping with hotdogs.
5. Haskins Hustle 5k will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup>, this event is starting small with a few sponsors.
6. The police departments MDT's will need replaced, the cost of this replacement will come from the police levy funds.

**G. Public Presentations and Hearings:**

**H. Old Business:**

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1. **Resolution R-2024-3 (Park Grant for Wood County)**, Perry moved Bonnough 2<sup>nd</sup> for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading, all yes resolution stands adopted.

### I. New Business:

1. **Resolution R-2024 6 ( To proceed with a ballot issue submitting the question of a tax levy to the voters of the Village of Haskins, Ohio and declaring an emergency)**. Bonnough moved Perry 2<sup>nd</sup> to suspend the rules and Perry moving Vogelsong 2<sup>nd</sup> for this first reading, all yes on both motions Resolution stands adopted.
2. **Ordinance O-2024-1 (Adopting the 2023 Walter Drane Codified Ordinance and declaring an emergency)** Perry moved Vogelsong 2<sup>nd</sup> to suspend the rules with Bonnough moving Vogelsong 2<sup>nd</sup> for the first reading, all yes on both motions the ordinance stands adopted.
3. **Ordinance O-2024-2 (Approving a loan agreement with American Municipal Power Inc. and declaring emergency) 1<sup>st</sup> reading** Vogelsong moved to suspend the rules Elfring 2<sup>nd</sup> with Vogelsong moving Perry 2<sup>nd</sup> for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Discussion took place with Mr. Prehn asking with the village had to pay, \$300,000.00 however the village will not need to borrow this much. Mr. Prehn also asked about the 110 percent of the revenue will the village be violating the covenant. Also, if the rate study was profitable with Mr. Carroll stating the village is still “catching up” and that this study was sent to AMP. Mr. Vogelsong asked if the cost and administration fee was stated, Mr. Carroll does not believe so. Mr. Skaff did review the documents for the loan before he drafted the ordinance. Mr. Prehn asked about an insurance clause and if there was additional cost, the village has insurance. No amortization schedule was included however this is a 10-year loan. Mary Wright asked of some of the Cyber Security grant could help with this project, Mr. Carroll stated it can and if Phase II of the grant is successful all will go toward this.

### J. Committee Reports:

**A. Finance and Audit:** Mr. Carroll presented pay addendum #7 which was outside of the yearly and performance review. This to move the part time maintenance position to \$18.00 from \$16.74. Council asked if this raise fits with the budget, it does. Helen Bonnough asked if the utility clerk will be coming forward for more pay. Perry moved Bonnough 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve pay addendum #7, all yes motion carried. A meeting will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6PM to discuss the estimate of revenues and budgets for 2025.

**B. Public Safety:** Mr. Carroll would like to purchase MDT with the police levy being able to pay for this. The village has employed Officer Row to cover some patrol hours. Mary Wright would like to see more weekend hours covered. Council would like to see a full-time week day only officer pick up a weekend and take a day off during the week. Ms. Wright likes the new schedule and feels this is a step in the right direction.

**C. Streets and Utilities:** Jason Vogelsong asked about the survey from Feller & Finch for the downtown sidewalks. Also, the smoke testing will continue when there is a dry spell. Palmer Excavating will be starting the Lusher Park parking lot project in August or September. The second round for the street repair will begin, this committee will meet to discuss what roads. Mr. Carroll reported there has been no word on the 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance/exit from Logan Meadows. This committee will also look at the village sidewalks as many are need or repair and leveling. This committee will meet on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

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**D. Public Services:** Mr. Carroll presented a quote for a new mower, one just like the village currently has on one with a 72-inch mow deck from John Deere that is in stock right now. One of the village mowers will be moved to the WWTP and the new full-time employee will take over mowing the plant. This will allow our maintenance department more hours to do other things. **Perry moved, Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> to authorize the purchase of the John Deere mower not to exceed \$15,000.00, all yes motion carried.**

**E. Rules and Ordinances:**

**F. Facilities and Grounds:** This committee met this evening before council concerning the Wood County Grant application. This committee will be submitting grants for an ice rink and bleachers. This committee is looking for suggestions for the smaller of the grants.

**K. Treasurer's Report (Cash Summary by fund, Fund Status, Payment Accounts, and Mayor's Court receipts, Bank moved to approve with all yes motion carried. Bonnough moved Elfring 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the payment of accounts from June 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 with questions being asked on 6186,6189, 6188 and 6166 all yes motion carried.**

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

1. Jason Vogelsong asked about the status of the post office. A conference call was held today with the discussion of cluster boxes if they are installed inside or outside. Mr. Carroll would like to bring the previous post office boxes that were taken from Haskins and move them to the village hall to the unfinished end. Again, this discussion is at the district level. The village will be installing a commercial door, there is 24-7 access along with security cameras. This would be ideal for the post office to place the boxes in. Nancy Perry would like to have a manned post office with Mary Wright stated this is just not feasible anymore. The residents just want to get their mail without driving to Bowling Green, the village will keep pushing.

2.

**M. Visitors input for the good of the village:** Joseph Hines approached council stating he has been in Haskins for almost 2 years, as being the manager of the Mail Pouch, he hears many things about the village. Mr. Hines recently did a ride along with one of the full-time officers in the village, learning so much and hearing that an officer may be looking to leave to do pay. Mr. Hines feels the village should be able to pay officers a livable pay. Knowing the village is not the size of Toledo or Perrysburg he values the police department being present in the village. Mr. Hines reported that over the last year he has had to call 911 four times with the sheriff on the average taking anywhere from 22-36 minutes depending on the location they were in Wood County. Mr. Hines also stated that there is a lot of discussion in the restaurant concerning the use of golf carts in the village. The village has posted speed signs and he feels the use of golf carts would be good use. Mr. Hines visits the Village of Weston and they use golf carts, they have someone that inspects them, he feels the village could do this.

**N. Upcoming Meeting and Important dates:**

**O. Adjournment: Bonnough moved Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn @8:28 PM**

  
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Lisa D. Heft Fiscal Officer

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Nicholas Thompson Mayor