

VILLAGE OF HASKINS

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December 16th 2024

COUNCIL MEETING

The Village Council of Haskins met at the townhall.

A. Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order at 7PM with the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Thompson recognized any active or former Military 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

Solicitor: Paul Skaff

Village Administrator: Colby Carroll

Police: Chief Carroll

Visitors: Sally and Chuck Polcyn, Matt Huffman, Hope Meyer and Axel a high school student from Otsego.

C. Perry moved Vogelsong 2nd to approve agenda for this evening's meeting, all yes motion carried.

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

1. Mayor Thompson gave brief update on the status of the post office.
2. Planning Commission will be meeting this evening with topics to include a lot split for Wade Bundy, an offer for the land near the WWTP and preliminary planning for the potential housing development.

E. Reading and disposal of the journal of proceedings: Perry moved Elfring 2nd to approve the journal or proceedings for the regular council meeting held on November 4th 2024 all yes motion carried,

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

1. Crosswalks discussion is still pending for the additional crosswalks and sidewalk.
2. The Village currently has 320 AMI meters and working on obtaining more.
3. Cyber Security Phase II has been submitted.
4. Amplex installation has begun
5. Feller & Finch has finished the downtown sidewalk survey.
6. Testing set for December 16th Meeting for the Emergency Kits.
7. DotNet Implementation has started.
8. Jones & Henry agreement for the WWTP has been signed.
9. The Ohio Cyber grant and .gov grant have been filed.
10. Mr. Carroll has been in contact with the Wood County Economic Development Commission concerning a state grant that may be applied for local development.

G. Public Presentations and Hearings:

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H. Old Business:

1. **Resolution R-2024-11 (to approve the Wood County final plan for implementing and operating county wide 9-1-1 system) reading.** Bonnough moved Perry 2nd for the 3rd and final reading of this by number and title, all yes, motion carried, Resolution stands adopted.

I. New Business:

1. **Resolution R-2024-14 (to apply for the 2025 Wood County Park Grant)** Vogelsong moved Perry 2nd for the 1st reading of this by number and title, it was explained this is for next year's grant application, all yes motion carried.
2. **Resolution R-2024-15 (to approve the Wood County Budget Commission's Local Government Distribution plans) 1st reading and declaring and emergency.** Bonnough moved Perry 2nd for the first reading with Perry moving Prehn 2nd to suspend the rules and pass as an emergency, all yes on both motions Resolution stands adopted.

J. Committee Reports:

A. Finance and Audit: Nothing to report

B. Public Safety: Mary Wright thanked Mr. Carroll for the police departments schedules, Ms. Wright would like to see more coverage on the weekends perhaps in the summer. Perhaps more weekend coverage from the current Full Time Police Officers would help.

C. Streets and Utilities: The sidewalk repairs for the entire town is still being discussed. Mr. Skaff is putting together a plan for this looking at other municipalities and what they do. A report for the smoke testing is still be waited on with a vendor being reached to make the village's manhole repairs. Mayor Thompson reported on Facebook Post that was made while he was on vacation concerning a snow storm that blew in making the roads in the village slippery and slick. Mayor Thompson as already has spoken to the street department concerning this stating a phone call to the village hall would have been the place to report this. Mary Wright agreed that Facebook is not the proper place to complain and she feels this should not even be brought up in her opinion as it just feeds into the negativity on social media.

D. Public Services: Nothing to report

E. Rules and Ordinances: Nothing to report

F. Facilities and Grounds: It was reported that the village was not awarded the Wood County Park Grant for the ice rink however the Suburban Community grant will be used toward the rink. Mary Wright feels this committee should apply for this ice rink next year again through the park district grant.

- K. Treasurer's Report (Cash Summary by fund, Fund Status, Payment Accounts, and Mayor's Court receipts, Bank Statements)** Vogelsong moved Elfing 2nd to approve the payment of accounts from November 5th – December 16th 2024, all yes motion carried. The October and November 2024 bank statements were presented and approved. The Revenue status from Jan 1st until December 16th 2024 was presented.

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

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1. Mayor Thompson reported that some exciting things will be happening next year. The 5k event was great this year, expanding on this for next year perhaps to include a movie night. Mayor Thompson would like to have a Haskins Lighted parade at the Holidays next year. The Veterans day banners and perhaps having the streets lined with American Flags for Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veterans Day, it would be welcoming as people drive into town.

M. Visitors input for the good of the village:

1. Matt Huffman inquired to the statement made earlier by Mary Wright concerning Full Time Police Officers working weekends and how and who would this include. Ms. Wright answered stating she is a council member and does not make the schedules for the police department as this is not her job. These schedules are made by the police chief with input from the mayor if needed. Ms. Wright feels she has a hard time making recommendations to hire another full-time officer when the current police officers can cover hours. Visitor Hope Meyer asked if this would include all full-time employees to work weekends. Ms. Meyer asked if the part time patrol officer are meeting there 8 hours required a month, perhaps mandating more hours for these officers would work. Mayor Thompson stated that with the possibly of 183 homes the village will try to go to 24/7 coverage for the police department. Mary Wright stated that her current job, she looks at data, that is what she does. Ms. Meyer wanted to know what data she is looking at concerning calls in the village. Mr. Carroll knows he can collect this data if it is asked for. Mr. Huffman stated he has worked for the village for 7 years, with the way the schedule was done in the past with the 2 full time officers and a designated part time officer the schedule as it was worked. Mayor Thompson reported that if he walked into his current job and stated he did not want to work weekends they would go on to the next candidate. Mayor Thompson stated he feels every employee can work weekends.
2. Mayor Thompson stated that he recently attended a meeting at Middleton Township concerning the building of an emergency vehicle storage facility. A levy for a fire department was voted down by the people a few years back. The township has been saving funds to build this elaborate facility since then. At this township meeting Trustee Vetter stated that per the ORC the village can opt out and contract with another fire department. Jason Vogelsong did some preliminary travel times from the current location of the fire department in Haskins to the back of Logan Meadow is .6 miles or 3 minutes. Moving the fire department out to the township facility it was 5.2 miles with an 8-minute response time. Mr. Vogelsong also did this from the Riverview subdivision in Middletown Township with response times doubling for that subdivision as well. Mr. Vogelsong walked that subdivision passing out information for the levy that failed in 2017. Mary Wright stated she would like to entertain other ideas for fire service, she was involved in a house fire, feeling Waterville, Perrysburg or Bowling Green would be able to respond more quickly as a manned fire department. It was stated for coverage from the City of Perrysburg the cost would be approximately \$140,000.00 dollars. Mayor Thompson stated the residents are paying more now for trash, recycle and things like that, passing a high cost for fire service would not be economical. Mayor Thompson stated that

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if residents would know what is going on with the township they would attend the meetings. It was asked if fire data could be obtained for call and who is the first one on the scene. Mr. Huffman stated that Fire Chief Steve Asmus is the first on scene as he has a take home vehicle.

3. Nancy Perry had given council copies of the USDA Tree Owner's Manual, she obtained these from a recent seminar she attended. The Trees that are planted in the village are guided by the Tree Commission which there is no longer any members. It was recommended to abolish the Tree Commission. This will need to be done by resolution .
4. Mayor Thomson reminded everyone that Planning Commission will be held tomorrow.

N Upcoming Meeting and Important dates:

O. Adjournment: Bonnough moved Elfing 2nd to adjourn @8:21 PM, all yes motion carried.



Lisa D. Heft Fiscal Officer



Nicholas Thompson Mayor