VILLAGE OF HASKINS

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS August 4th 2025 **COUNCIL MEETING**

The Village Council of Haskins met at the townhall.

A. President of Council Eric Prehn called the meeting to order at 7PM, the Pledge of Allegiance was 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

Helen Bonnough, Mayor Thompson, Spencer Elfring

Solicitor:

Paul Skaff

Village

Colby Carroll

Administrator:

Police:

Chief Carroll

Visitors:

Sally and Chuck Polcyn, Nathan Vogelsong, Matt Huffman, Deb Mayo,

Michael Kane, Ed and Kathy Hoffner

- 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 another village matters:

- E. Reading and disposal of the journal of proceedings: Perry moved Wright 2nd to approve the journal or proceedings the regular council meeting held on July 14th 2025 all yes motion carried.
- F. Village Administrator/Police Reported on:
 - 1. Reviewing Data and may need new study on the ODOT Safety Grant
 - 2. No new update on downtown sidewalks however Feller & Finch will be sending updated pricing.
 - 3. AMI- The signed member schedule has been received.
 - 4. King Road property interest, a Data Center may be interested. Mary Wright asked if a price for the land was offered. Discussion on the transmission rate took place and perhaps using that to negotiate with Toledo Edison. Nancy Perry asked if the village should reach out to AMP. Nancy Perry explained the Efficiency Smart program to those in attendance.
 - 5. WWTP Demo with Jones & Henry is completed with better results.
 - 6. The USPS has emailed a response to include now a discontinuance study by District Ohio 1 to see what closure and consolidation of the facility may look like vs leasing and maintain an unmanned lobby.
 - 7. Zoning with nuisance yards and weeds are being looked at in the village.
 - 8. The work orders council requested was forwarded, Mr. Vogelsong was able to look at.
 - 9. Storm line, working with Mr. Wenig and Feller & Finch for a drainage issue.

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- 10. Nancy Perry asked why white marks where on trees located in the village. Waste Management has asked for tree limbs to be removed as the truck is having time with its arm to pick up trash. There are trees on 204 and 206 Earl North and 100 Mary St has a giant locust tree that needs addressed.
- 11. Mary Wright asked about the sidewalk study and where that stands.
- 12. Maintaining the village website has been addressed.
- 13. The Part Time Utility Clerk will be leaving the village to go to school, the village will be having the discussion on her replacement.
- 14. The meeting with the village business owners went very well.
- 15. Mr. Carroll is working on a power point concerning village utilities.
- 16. Mary Wright was not sure whose committee this needs to go in however she would like to add to the village employee handbook policy that any officer that is on the Brady list is grounds for termination.
- 17. The smoke testing report should be sent out soon.
- 18. Mr. Carroll and Mr. Skaff are still working on the village wide sidewalk project.
- 19. 210 W. Main Street, this village tree is raising the sidewalks however Ms. Perry does not want to see this tree removed.
- G. Public Presentations and Hearings:
- H. Old Business:
- I. New Business:

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- J. Committee Reports:
 - **A. Finance and Audit:** The Fiscal Officer reported that the audit is ongoing. Mr. Prehn asked if the 1st draft of the budget for 2026 will be ready by next meeting.
 - **B. Public Safety:** Mary Wright thanked Mr. Carroll for the update on the police coverage hours, it appears there is good coverage for the weekend shifts. The parts for the in-car camera system are arriving.
 - C. Streets and Utilities: Jason Vogelsong asked about the crack sealing in town and how many kettles are left, Mr. Carroll will get that information to him. The 2nd entrance/exit for Logan Meadows, Mr. Carroll is going to put together a package to present to property owner. Have not heard from the developer that was interested in the King Road property. Mr. Vogelsong noted that looking at the work order, he stated that there were pages of manual reads for the electric meters that had to be done. With the AMI metering system this should eliminate the need for maintenance worker to manual read meters.
 - D. Public Services: nothing to report
 - E. Rules and Ordinances: Absent
 - F. Facilities and Grounds: Absent

K:Treasurer's Report (Cash Summary by fund, Fund Status, Payment Accounts, and Mayor's Court receipts, Bank Statements Vogelsong moved Wright 2nd to approve the payment of accounts from 7/7 - 8/4/2025 with questions being asked on payment to Oregon Municipal Court and USIC locating service. The locate bill was high due to AMPLEX and Turnkey laying fiber optic line all of spring. Mary Wright inquired about that we had training here to have locates done in house. Mr. Carroll explained that pay needs to be established if these locates are done after hours and noting the village lineman did not complete all of the training, all yes motion carried.

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

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- 1. Jason Vogelsong stated that a village resident has recently lost their battle with cancer after 6 years. They would like to place a bench in the park to honor their loved on as she like to take her children to the park at village hall. Nancy Perry stated that the other benches in park were paid for by the family.
- 2. Eric Prehn asked with the Village's Health Insurance was due to be renewed, Mr. Prehn stated that Promedica may not be covered. Mr. Carroll will look into this.

M. Visitors input for the good of the village:

- 1. Nathan Vogelsong addressed council as he would like to see a sidewalk that dots out to Neezy's. This was explained to him as the village is trying to obtain grant money to help in the cost of this sidewalk.
- 2. Mike Kane asked if there was any plan to work on the ball field located behind the village hall, there is not this year. Mr. Kane also asked if the village has heard anything from the developer that was interested in the King Road property, the village has not.
- 3. An email was sent from the Post office stating that the village is to halt all activities to locate a replacement facility in Haskins. This is now on hold pending the outcome of a discontinuance study at the local District Ohio 1 to see what closure and consolidation facility may look like vs manning an unmanned box lobby.
- 4 Ms. Hoffner asked when the culverts will be replaced or repaired on Mary Street. Ms. Hoffner also asked when Suburban Gas will fix the gas leaks.
- 5 Mr. Polcyn addressed council on the 20ft he owns and there is a storm sewer drain there. Mr. Carroll is working on mapping all of this in the GIS system. It was stated that if there is a line there the village has a legal right to this as there is an easement. It is not surprising that there are no as-built's for this development with Mary Wright explaining the history of Kingsbury with the developer going bankrupt and the plots being sold at sheriff's auction. Mary Wright explained that if a fence is in a utility easement, the village can move the fence.
- 6 Matt Huffman asked about a utility pole on his property he would like moved. Mr. Huffman feels he is being discriminated against as the cost he was quoted to move this pole was too high. Mr. Carroll stated due to pending litigation with this he advised council not to answer any questions concerning this pole.

N. Executive Session:

O. Upcoming Meeting and Important dates:

P. Adjournment: Wright moved Vogelsong 2nd to adjourn at 8:07 PM, all yes motion carried.

Lisa D. Heft Fiscal Officer

Nicholas Thompson Mayor