

VILLAGE OF HASKINS
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COUNCIL MEETING

The Village Council of Haskins met at the townhall.

A. The Mayor 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	Colby Carroll
Solicitor:	Paul Skaff Colby Carroll
Village Administrator:	

Police: Chief Carroll

Visitors: Eric Bonnough, Harold and Kim Alock, Dave Weber, Chuck and Sally Polcyn, Gary Haydel, Matt Huffman, Ed and Kathy Hoffner, Matt Stranhan, Deb Mayo, Michael Kane

Mayor Thompson administered the Oath of Office to council elect Helen Bonnough, Spencer Elfring, Eric Prehn and Jason Vogelsong

C. Perry moved Elfring 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:

Organizational Business:

1. Bonnough moved Wright 2nd to nominate Eric Prehn and President Pro Tempore for Fiscal Year 2026, all vote for Prehn, Eric Prehn remains President Pro Tempore for 2026. Council committees will remain the same as 2025, Mayor Thompson stated all have been doing a great job on current committees and all will continue to do so.
2. Council meetings will continue to be on the first Monday of the month with the exception of April 6th 2026 being moved to April 20th due to Spring Break, September 7th being moved to September 21st due to Labor Day.
3. July 9th, 10th and 11th will be the Community Garage Sale days, and with Saturday being October 31st Trick or Treat will be held on October 31st this year. The 2nd ever Holiday event will coincide with Middletown Township breakfast with Santa.

E. Reading and disposal of the journal of proceedings: Perry moved Elfring 2nd to approve the journal or proceedings the regular council meeting held on December 15th 2025, all yes motion carried

F. Village Administrator/Police Reported on: (Jeremy Harpel, Acting Village Admin)

1. Jeremy Harpel reported that speed limit signs for the downtown area will be installed soon, ODOT's truck has been out of service for the install. The village is now included in the ODOT sign program.
2. Mr. Carroll will give an update soon on the AMI system.
3. Gary Haydel updated council on the bio solid screw press demonstrations for the WWTP. Discussion took place on the pump that is down and the

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downtown stations. Cost to repairs approximant \$9000.00 with new \$12,000.00 to \$19,000.00 dollars. Mary Wright asked what the annual maintenance plan would be and asked if Mr. Haydel can bring quotes obtained for the this to the next council meeting. For the UV system at the WWTP, measurements need to be taken as the current system is very antiquated. Prints are still being worked on with Titan installing the main line for this project.

4. Mayor Thompson reported that the post office is now waiting on turnstile boxes and a security system, this should be complete soon. Mayor Thompson thanked Jeremy Harpel and road crew for snowplowing during recent snow storm.

G. Public Presentations and Hearings: Representative for the Save our Bridge spoke to village council concerning their mission concerning the Roche De Beouf Interurban Bridge. This committee is trying to gain support and public awareness to preserve and rehabilitate this bridge. ODOT was obtaining bids for this bridge's removal with the estimate cost of 4 million dollars with an agreement to extend this for one year. In 2019 a structural analysis was done on this bridge with this committee focusing on making this into a walking and bike path that would connect Lucas to Wood County. Two petitions were presented, one for letters of support to preserve this bridge and the other to be a part of this committee. This committee has been to other meetings and events to gain support with TMACOG already who would be in support of a safe bike path. Mayor Thompson stated he would be in support of a bike path.

H. Old Business:

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I. New Business:

1. **Resolution R-2026-1 Rules of Council, Vogelsong moved Elfring 2nd for the 1st reading with Bonnough moving Elfring 2nd to suspend the rules, all yes on both motions Rules stands adopted.**

J. Committee Reports:

A. Finance and Audit:

B. Public Safety: Discussion took place on the AED Batteries need replaced. Mr. Harpel will contact Middleton Township to see what AED they use and if any grants are available.

C. Streets and Utilities: Jason Vogelsong will be holding a committee to discuss the street audit that was completed and what streets will be done this year. Discussion on the possibility of a Transmission line from BG will take place. The current transmission line the village utilizes is a Toledo Edison line, the village would like to not use Edison, this was explained for those in attendance. The village currently pays more for transmission cost then it costs for electricity.

D. Public Services: Nothing to report.

E. Rules and Ordinances: Nothing to report.

F. Facilities and Grounds: Spencer Elfring presented a quote from EZ Ice for the purchase of an ice rink. The village has been attempting to obtain grants for this from the Wood County Parks District. Elfring moved Wright 2nd to approve the purchase of the EZ ice rink with \$3,000.00 coming from Capital Projects and the remaining cost coming from the Park Budget for just of \$6,000.00, all yes on motion, this will be purchased.

K: Treasurer's Report (Cash Summary by fund, Fund Status, Payment Accounts, and Mayor's Court receipts, Bank Statements Vogelsong moved Perry 2nd to approve the payment of accounts from December 12-31st 2025 all yes motion carried.

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

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M. Visitors input for the good of the village: Mike Kahn asked council when the Edison poles are going to be taken down on Liberty High. It was stated that Edison is aware along with Village Linemen though Edison will not remove them until all wires are off these poles. Kathy Hoffner approached council concerning a locust tree that is located on village property near her home at 100 Mary Street. Mr. Harpel will look at this tree. Mr. Hoffner reported that the gas that comes from his stove has yellow gas. The village can get him a contact for Suburban Natural Gas. Kim Alock asked council if they had heard anything from the Post Office and if residents will be keeping same PO Box numbers. Mary Wright stated she has not heard anything concerning her water meter change out, it was reported that this is being completed in phases.

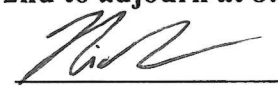
N. Executive Session:

O. Upcoming Meeting and Important dates:

P. Adjournment. Bonnough moved Wright 2nd to adjourn at 8:00 PM all yes motion carried.



Lisa D. Heft Fiscal Officer



Nicholas Thompson Mayor