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COUNCIL MEETING

The Haskins Village Council met in the Town Hall at 7:00 Mayor Kenneth W. Fallows called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Roll Call.

Mayor: Ken Fallows
Clerk / Treasurer: Lisa Heft
Council President: Tim Enright
Council Members: Paul Gies, Mike Gonzalez, Roy Chase, Wendi Eldred
Glenn Harding
Absent:
Solicitor:
Village Administrator: Scott Frank
Police: Chief Frank
Visitors: Phil Baranski, Sherrie Brown, Dan Hillyard, Eric Coughlin

II. Reading and disposal of the journal (minutes) and approval of agenda with additions.

Gies Moved, Eldred 2nd to approve minutes of the August 7, 2006 regular meeting; and current agenda. All yes. Motion carried.

III. Reports, communications, appointments, and confirmations from the mayor, directors of departments, and other Village officers:

A. Chase moved, Eldred 2nd to have Halloween festivities on October 28th 2006 from 4-6PM to coincide with Ms Heckler's request to coordinate this annual event. Paul Gies asked if we could move this event to later in the evening, it was stated that it is safer to hold this at this time before dusk. Roy Chase appreciates the earlier time with his little ones. All yes. Motion carried.

IV. Village Administrator/Police Chief: Scott Frank gave a brief overview of the rate study meeting that was held on August 16, 2006. In discussions the senior discount policy that is in effect will eliminate the filing period, this policy will be updated and be exhibit B of the Ordinance 2006-09. The village will continue to follow the sewer rental charge approved under 921.06 of the Haskins Village codified ordinances. The solicitor reviewed this section with the village administrator and they agree on this. The village will start the unit billing for the structure when the sewer tap is made. The school unit billing that is now on exhibit A was explained. Mr. Frank has been in contact with the school treasurer regarding this billing. A category was added for food service seating for 1-35 seats to be billed at 1 unit. Food service with seating for 36-75 will be billed at 2 units. Food Service with seating of 76 and above will be billed at 3 units. The volumetric charge under the migrant camp was removed, this camp will now be billed at 1 unit. The village also needs to make amendment so the utility bills will henceforth be billed on one billing, payments will be applied to the sewer portion first and electric charges second. The combined sewer and electric billing will be charged 10% for late penalties. This information will be in a separate ordinance. **Paul Gies** stated that he is not against helping business; he feels the revision to the unit billing structure will put more burdens on residents. He feels business

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should have to prove hardships. **Tim Enright** explained how the unit billing was arrived at, this adjustment will give more latitude to the to smaller food service businesses. **Paul Gies** still feels that the village has made exceptions for a particular business. Mayor Fallows did state that the rate study committee did "overshoot" originally for this particular type of food service business, but the village is looking at the broader picture. Mr. Gies still feels that this will impact residents and wonders if the village will make separate adjustments for others. **Sherri Brown** stated that she feels her business was the only business that was hit the hardest. **Eric Coughlin** feels the 50% discount for a certain business has set precedence. Eric feels the village is asking residents to subsidize a business. Mayor Fallows stated that this size of business was neglected. The village was not catering to any particular business as elected leaders decisions are to be made carefully. **Roy Chase** stated that he has no problem changing or adding this category for unit billing. These adjustments are being made due to fallacies in previous ordinances, however giving utility breaks in future would set a dangerous precedent. Tim Enright stated the utility rate committee has been meeting for the past 2 years. Residents not knowing of the rate increase surprise him, this is a small village, and news usually is talked about. **Phil Baranski** stated that when his power was shut off, the utilities department notified him with a door hanger, the sewer rate increase could have been done the same. **Mayor Fallows** explained that it was in the village newsletter last year and again this year, it has been in the *Toledo Blade*, the *Sentinel Tribune*, and information is available on the web site. Mayor Fallows stated that the village cannot get involved in judgment calls concerning individual issues. He stated that all aspects were looked into including seating for all businesses other then food service, churches etc. Adjustments were not made just for "Buzzy's Place." **Mike Gonzalez** stated that the ordinance may want to define "unit", it was stated that the unit billing defines "unit" as it pertains to family living units. Mr. Gonzalez feels this leaves a question mark without defining unit for all cases. The EPA defines a "residence" as equivalent to a "unit". Mayor Fallows stated residents will have to pay even while out of town; this is a public sewer and the assets of owning a home with public sewer have to spread the cost across all village property owners served by the sewer system. Mayor Fallows explained that the cost of the sewer plant was divided into the amount to pay back the debt and then divided by 12; the village has 847 residents which each are included on this new rate for the current billing year. Where would the line is drawn to be as fair and equitable as possible. Sherrie Brown felt the August 2006 rate study committee she attended was very fair.

V. Communications, Petitions, and Claims:

VI. Committee Reports:

- A. **Finance and Audit:** No report at this time.
- B. **Public Safety:** Mr. Chase stated that this committee is still looking for volunteers to help for the safety expo that will be held in September.
- C. **Streets and Utilities:** Progress is being made at the WWTP and the downtown lift station, with completion approximately sometime in November 2006.
- D. **Public Services:** No report at this time.
- E. **Rules and Ordinances:** No report at this time.

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F. Facilities and Grounds: Paul Gies will be organizing volunteers to help spruce up Lusher Park this fall,

VII. Approval of Treasurer's reports, accounts payable, bond, contracts, plats, Etc:

A. Harding moved, Chase 2nd to approve Treasurer's report. All yes. Motion carried.

B.

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions:

A. Ordinance 0-2006-9 (Amending the sewer rates and table of unit billing), first reading.

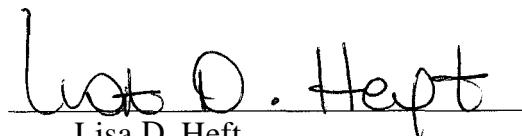
Gies Moved, Chase 2nd to table the first reading of this ordinance until September 11th, 2006.

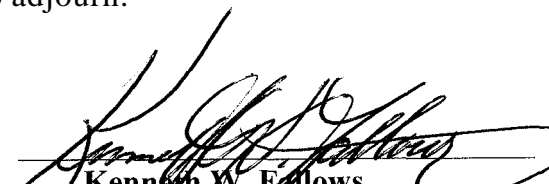
Ordinance 0-2006-9 will be rewritten to appear on the agenda for the 11 September 2006 village council meeting.

IX Miscellaneous Business:

X. Visitor's input for the good of the village: Phil Baranski expressed interest in being a member of the planning commission. He expressed disconcert with the lights at the storage units on East King Road. The mayor explained that the current zoning code does include lighting and how it restricted in bleeding from a business property. The storage units are not up to code. Before any plats are approved, the planning commission makes sure all aspects are up to code and in compliance with the Haskins Village Code.

XI Adjournment: Harding Moved, Eldred 2nd to adjourn.


Lisa D. Heft
Clerk/Treasurer


Kenneth W. Fallows
Mayor