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Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

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Haskins Village Council
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February 25, 2008

COUNCIL MEETING

The Village Council of Haskins met in the Town Hall at 7:00. Mayor Randall Varner called this meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. Roll Call was taken by voice roll call.

- Mayor: Randall J. Varner
Clerk / Treasurer: Lisa D. Heft
President Pro Temp: Mike Gonzalez
Council Members: Paul Gies, Glenn Harding, Wendi Eldred, Tim Enright, James "Buzz" Brown
Absent
Solicitor: Paul Skaff
Village Administrator: Scott Frank
Police: Chief Frank, Sgt Bonnough
Visitors: Sue and Steve Heckler, Sue Brooks, Jennifer Asmus, Janie Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Frost, Steve Long, Sherry Brown, Lisa Bundy, Bill Davisson

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

All members present by Roll Call. Gies moved, Harding 2nd to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2008 council meeting Harding moved, Brown 2nd for the approval of the agenda presented with the addition of AMP Ohio discussion under miscellaneous business, all yes, motion carried.

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

A. Enright moved, Gies 2nd to sign the EMA Proportionate Share Contract, all yes, motion carried. The clerk distributed this contract to council members for the signatures.

IV. Village Administrator/Police Chief: Scott Frank - This report is on report is on file with the clerk. Scott Frank reported for Mr. Jennings who was not in attendance that for the month of January he issued 2 occupancy permits and for the month of February 1 occupancy permit has been issued so far. Scott Frank read a letter or resignation from Andrew Pollauf from the Haskins Police department. Enright Moved, Gies, 2nd to accept this resignation as of the effective date stated in the letter, all yes motion carried.

V. Communications, Petitions, and Claims:

A.

VI. Committee Reports:

- A. Finance and Audit: No report at this time
B. Public Safety: No report at this time, a meeting will be held on March 6th after the election.
C. Streets and Utilities: Tim Enright gave an update on the work that has been done at the old WWTP. All the piping and steel tanks have been removed. Work is being done on the final concrete tank. To date approximately \$15,000.00 has been spent on this project, when the grading is complete, more estimates will come. Tim Enright and Scott Frank

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attended an AMPGS informative session, this was not a public meeting this was a confidential meeting. The contract for this AMPGS project is 40 years debt service with a 50 year contract. All of council has received information from the Ohio Citizen Action Group, AMP Ohio has responded to the concerns of this group and to the concerns of the communities. Tim stated that this is a solid project and a good concept, the removal of the CO2 levels is a concern, there is no legislation out there on this issue. AMP Ohio is trying to do projections for this project, when the contract was first agreed on the village committed to 829 Kilowatts; this has been lowered to 700. The village currently has 56 Kilowatts in the Hydro project, there is currently approximately 26 years left on this contract. Tim Enright also stated that if the village requires more kilowatts, the commitment can be increased. At this current time AMP Ohio needs all of its members to comment to 750 kilowatts. Scott Frank has been in contact with Pam Sullivan with Mayor Varner being involved, AMP Ohio is projecting over the next 15 years approximately 1.34 million dollars in power cost will be saved, after the 15 years approximately 100,000 dollars in savings. Mayor Varner's take on this projection is there should be a savings over 15 years, this needs to be seen. Mayor Varner has spoken with Mac Thompson who is the VP of Power Supply concerning this. Mayor Varner stated in the end in his opinion this project is a gamble, to go out into the open market is a gamble, to enter into this contract is a gamble, it is all a guessing game, we do not know what will happen. Mayor Varner asked if the village expands can the village acquire more power, if the village needs more capacity it can commit with AMP. It is assumed that after March 1<sup>st</sup> if not all members commit to this project, AMP Ohio will come to its members again. Mike Gonzalez stated that he liked what Tim Enright and Scott Frank have done by scaling back and taking the conservative approach to this project. The village has in writing to AMP Ohio that the village will contract for 700 Kilowatts, the final level will be known after March 1<sup>st</sup>. Tim Enright had information from TMACOG if anyone was interested. Tim Enright stated that Mr. Fallows would be more of the expert to explain this information concerning what grants are available through TMAGOG. Discussion on street paving and what will be done next in the village. West Main Street, Church Street and Roche de Bouf are in need of repairs. The village will need to contact the village engineers to determine the projected cost to re pave these streets. If the village has these projected costs the village can determine grant matching requests and what impact this will have on the budget. Sue Brooks stated that W. Main Street is in need of repairs, this road is heavily traveled. Sue stated that there is some flooding that occurs and inquired if the village will place curbs on this street. Tim Enright stated that estimates will have to be received to determine the different options for this street, talking to the residents concerning these options. To repave Liberty High to make this project more eligible for grants, this road will have to be widened 2 feet. The CDBG grants that are available are based on income levels. Tim Enright stated that he will need to find out from Ken Fallows on what the rules are to apply for grants through TMACOG. It will be approximately 4 to \$5,000 for the engineer to get a cost estimate for street paving projects. The clerk stated the village has a 2MIL street levy and a commitment to paving of the streets with this money.

**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:** No report at this time, a copy of this committee minutes that was held was distributed, these minute are on file with the clerk.

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

- A. The clerk reported that the OWDA reimbursement request was received in the amount of a little bit more than \$177, 000.00, this money will be deposited in the sewer fund.
- B. The clerk also stated that a new fund for the Street levy was created, this money was originally placed in the street maintenance fund, it is now separate,
- C. Harding moved Gies 2nd to approve Treasurer's report. All yes. Motion carried.
- D.

**VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions:**

A. Gonzalez moved, Harding 2<sup>nd</sup> for the third reading of Resolution R-2008-2 (Rules of Council) by number and title Roll Call: Brown, yes, Eldred, yes, Enright, yes, Gies, yes, Gonzalez, yes, Harding, yes, All yes, motion carried, Resolution stands adopted.

B. Harding moved, Enright 2<sup>nd</sup> for the third and final reading of Ordinance O-2007-17 (Amended Elected Official Wage Ordinance) by number and title, Roll Call: Brown, yes, Eldred, yes, Enright, yes Gies, yes, Gonzalez, yes, Harding, yes, All yes, motion carried, Ordinance stands adopted.

C. Harding moved, Gies 2<sup>nd</sup> for the first reading of Resolution R-2008-3 (Annual Appropriations for 2008) by number and title, All yes, motion carried.

**IX. Miscellaneous Business:**

Mayor Varner inquired about the Safe Route to School grant, Scott Frank reported that he has a meeting with ODOT on Thursday concerning this. Mayor Varner also inquired if there are any Ordinance's in the village pertaining to cats. There are no provisions for cats, no organization will take cats, the village could sight cat's owners but to find a stray cat owner would prove difficult. Steve Heckler stated that last summer he found 2 dead rats in his yard. Mayor Varner also stated with all the recent rain that had occurred, the water level in the Dold Development was very high. Paul Gies stated with the amount of rain and the snow melting the storm drains and retention pond was at its capacity. Right now Dold Company brings in a 3<sup>rd</sup> pump it is their responsibility and will do so until the last house in this development is sold. This retention pond is designed for 3 pumps. Scott Frank stated that the problem lies with were the water is being sent it is going into 1 manhole and into 1 pipe, the retention pond does its job. Steve Long added that this flooding problem has happened twice in the last 6 months, he is out every 1.5 hours along with other employees manning this 3<sup>rd</sup> pump that is brought in, Dold Company puts in the minimum requirements for this.

**X. Visitor's input for the good of the village:** Jerry Frost of 207 East Greenwood stated that his son has an electric scooter, He stated that 1 officer stopped his son and told his son to keep his scooter on the side walk, Jerry than stated that another officer stopped his son and told him that he could not ride and had him walk it home . Mr. Frost wanted clarification on the scooter ordinance, Scott Frank stated that there are 2 ordinances', he will check these ordinances and clarify them for Mr. Frost and Ms. Bundy. Mr. Frank will also clarify with his staff so the

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officer's are consistent and that it is appropriate for the officer to come to the house and talk with the parents. Sue Heckler stated that she is not against the Police Levy but does not feel money needs to go toward this levy. Sue Heckler stated the Mr. Frank stated that 100% of the full times health benefits are paid. Mr. Frank clarified that his is the only one paid at 100%, 40 hour employee at \$500.00 and a 32 hour week employee at \$423.00. Ms. Heckler had a conversation with Lisa Bundy who was in attendance on what her health benefits were and if she had the same type of insurance. Ms. Bundy stated that she had 80/20 by her choice, she is offered the same insurance but cannot afford to pay anymore. Ms. Heckler stated that Mr. Frank is \$68,000.00 dollar a year employee with the average median income from the 2000 census for the Village of Haskins being \$48,000.00 per year. Ms. Heckler stated that Mr. Frank Health benefits should be cut to allow for more part time hours for the police department. Mike Gonzalez stated that Ms. Heckler should not be attacking Mr. Frank at a council meeting with wages and salaries, it is not the place. The council sets the wage and benefits and this is done at committee meeting. It was explained to Ms. Heckler that the Finance and Audit or perhaps the Rules and Ordinance Committee would be helpful for these issues. Sue Brooks stated the Mike Gonzalez was taking Ms. Heckler's comments wrong, the residents voted down the police levy. Weston and Grand Rapids did away with their police departments and rely on the Sheriff. Ms. Brooke's does not feel we need police, the town is safe. Ms. Brooke's asked if the levy does not pass in March will the village put it on the ballot again. Mayor Varner stated that this decision would be up to council and it may go on the ballot in November, a special election in August would be costly. Steve Heckler stated that the "talk" around town is that if the police levy fails other services will be cut. Lisa Bundy stated that she heard this "talk" also. The clerk stated that Lisa Bundy was referring to the discussion that occurred earlier in the day between herself and the clerk treasurer. Clerk Treasurer Lisa Heft stated the police levy failing would have a trickle down effect on the village budget, Ms. Heft stated that in her personal opinion that Lisa Bundy was a overpaid and under worked employee in the village. Wendi Eldred encouraged those in attendance to come to Thursday's meeting concerning the COPS levy, Scott Frank has a very informative presentation, to come and see and then make an informed decision on voting. Bill Davisson stated that if the opposing ladies in attendance tonight read the monthly reports for the police and does what Scott Frank does, who would do his job. Jennifer Asmus inquired on who Sam Jennings is; she was told he is the village's zoning inspector. Jennifer Asmus had the village's strategic plan were it listed Stone West Park she inquired about this park; she was told that this project is no longer. Jennifer Asmus asked if the village was still doing Mayors Court, Sue Brooks inquired if it would be less expensive to send ticket to Bowling Green Court. It was explained by Paul Skaff and Scott Frank though an official cost analysis has not been done, keeping fines in the village out weigh sending them to Bowling Green. In Haskins violations are sighted under the village code, fine money remains in the village. The sheriff would site under the state code, this money would go to the state. Sue Heckler stated that she looked on the village web site for the un-approved minutes from the last council meeting; Mayor Varner stated that he was busy with work and did not have time to post them. Mike Gonzalez moved, Paul Gies 2nd to move into executive session at 8:40PM, all yes, motion carried. Mike Gonzalez moved, Buzz Brown 2nd to move out of executive session at 9:14PM, all yes, motion carried.

XI Adjournment: Gonzalez Moved, Brown 2nd to adjourn

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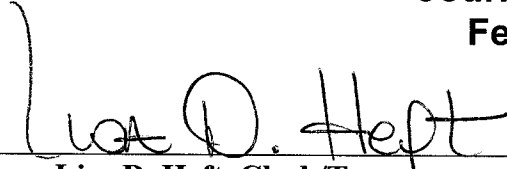
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