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Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

**Haskins Village Council  
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September 8, 2008**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**1. Roll Call was taken by voice roll call, all council members present:**

- Mayor:** Randall J. Varner
- Clerk / Treasurer:** Lisa D. Heft
- President Pro Temp:** Mike Gonzalez
- Council Members:** Paul Gies, Glenn Harding, Wendi Eldred, Tim Enright, Buzz Brown
- Absent:** Scott Frank "Chief"
- Solicitor:**
- Village Administrator:**
- Police:**
- Visitors:** Wade and Lisa Bundy, Sue Heckler, Sue Brooks, Cindy Featzka, Kim and Dave Wurst

**2. Approval of the Agenda for council meeting: Gonzalez moved, Gies 2nd for the approval of the agenda, all yes motion carried.**

**3. Reading and disposal of journal of proceedings of the council meeting: Harding moved, Gonzalez 2nd to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2008 council meeting, all yes motion carried.**

**4. Reports, communications, appointments, and confirmations, from the mayor, directors, of departments, and other village officers:**

**A.** Discussion on the Kuhlman Zoning Appeal for change of use for 107 N. Findlay Street, this issue was deferred until the next council meeting when the Village Administrator would be in attendance.

**B. Village Administrator/Police Chief:** Absent

**5. Public presentations and hearings.**

**A.**

**6. Old business (legislative business carried over from prior meetings):**

**A.**

**7. New Business:**

**A.**

**8. Committee Reports:**

**A. Finance and Audit:** No report at this time.

**B. Public Safety:** A committee meeting will be held on Tuesday September 9, 2008 at 7PM in the town hall.

**C. Streets and Utilities:** Tim Enright explained the AMP Ohio letter that Scott Frank had distributed concerning the Bowling Green, Haskins Sub Station project. Tim Enright also explained the high electric bills that residents have experienced, he gave examples of business and residents that where 50% to 75% higher than the previous month.

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**D. Public Services:** No report at this time.

**E. Rules and Ordinances:** Mike Gonzalez reported that council received a copy of the proposed tree commission and tree ordinance that he and Paul Gies have worked on. Mike would like these ordinance's placed on the next agenda for their first reading. He encourages council to give input on these proposed ordinances on or before the first reading. Paul Gies explained that the way the ordinance is currently written it puts the responsibility of tree maintenance of trees located in the village right of way as the property owner. There are many problem trees located in the village, the village will identify them; this will however take some time to complete.

**F. Facilities and Grounds:** Paul Gies thanked Mike Gonzalez for working diligently on the tree ordinances that have been drafted. Paul also reported that he will be attending a tree seminar on October 9<sup>th</sup> at Bluffton Collage. Paul stated that to declare the village a Tree City USA the deadline for this is December 9 to be awarded status in 2009, Paul explained this process. Paul Gies stated that he will have the minutes from this committee meeting that was held on August 26<sup>th</sup> in the next council packet. The next committee meeting will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at the new WWTP. Sue Heckler stated she liked Paul Gies's Plan, she wanted to know if there are any plans on training staff on the pruning of trees, and Paul Gies addressed her concern.

**9. Treasurer's Report :( Cash Summary by fund, Fund Status, Payment of Accounts, and Mayor's Court receipts, Bank reconciliation presented the second meeting of the month).**

**Harding moved, Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the treasure's report, all yes, motion carried.** The clerk reported that the Issue 1 grant application had been submitted for W. Main Street, council and the mayor received a copy of the financials for this application.

**10. Miscellaneous business (discussion of matter of general interest, communications, petitions and claims):**

**11. Visitors input for the good of the village:** Sue Brooks and Sue Heckler stated that they support the schools staying in the village. Sue Heckler asked if the town was going to take a stance on the issue of the school staying in the village, she was told a majority of council has. It would be helpful if residents attended a school board meeting. Sue Heckler stated that people are afraid to attend school board meetings for fear it will be taken out on their children. Sue Brooks inquired to whether or not a petition to the school board would help. Haskins sets geographically to where the district can grow; now the school commission has changed the rules, when the levy was passed the board promised to keep the schools in their towns. Cindy Featzka stated she received a letter from the Village Administrator stating complaints had been received about her husband reading meters. Cindy stated that Mr. Frank and former Mayor Fallows told her that her husband was a part time employee. Clerk Treasurer Lisa Heft stated that this is an employee/employer issue and should be taken up the Village Administrator. Mike Gonzalez stated that council will follow Mr. Frank's recommendation. Mayor Varner stated the Village Administrator determines the back up plan, he will then report this to him and then to council, this will protect both the village and the employees. This issue will be how Scott chooses to handle. Wade Bundy stated that he had an issue that occurred at 8:45 AM on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bundy stated that he knocked on the town hall door wanting to know why Mr. Frank was not in the school zone. Mr. Bundy stated Mr. Frank treated him badly, threatened to arrest him, Mr. Bundy

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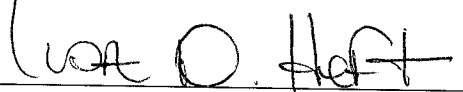
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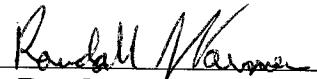
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stated that Mr. Frank has intimidated his wife for years and he "will not be intimidated" by him. Mr. Bundy wants an apology from Mr. Frank, in writing. Sue Brooks stated that she feels that being the village administrator and police chief is a conflict on interest. Mrs. Brooks feels the levy for the police department should be adequate for police money and money should not be taken from the general fund, she feel there are an over abundance of police officers in this town. Mrs. Brooks asked council if they asked residents on how the felt about the police, this was explained to her when the village was trying to pass the police levy earlier in the year, going door to door talking with residents some did have mixed feelings, but the consensus is in support of the police. Dave Wurst stated the village was just as safe as when there were all part time officers here. Dave Summersett stated approximately a year and a half ago he and the neighbor where in the front yard drinking a beer when they saw two officers in the car, Mr. Summersett called the Police Chief and he felt how Mr. Frank answered was arrogant. Sue Heckler stated she has nothing but respect for the police department. How ever Mr. Frank she feels stares her down to intimidate her, he should not do this. Mrs. Heckler stated that Sergeant Bonnough's is the only officer in town that waves. Mrs. Heckler stated that no one comes to council meetings because of Scott Frank; Sue Heckler feels she was treated unfairly about her yard, this took six months to fix and only when she put a sign up did it get fixed. Cindy Featzka stated that Mr. Frank treats her badly ever since her son ran for the mayor' office. Mayor Varner stated that these concerns are dully noted. Dave Wurst stated that if a salary is based on 40 hours then that is all should be worked. Sue Heckler stated that she feels Lisa Heft is being very UN professional and wanted to know how Mrs. Heft would be reprimanded. Mike Gonzalez stated that she is an elected official. Wade Bundy proceeded to say there are ways to remove Mrs. Heft out of office.

12 Adjournment: Harding moved, Brown 2nd to adjourn.



Lisa D. Heft, Clerk/Treasurer



Randall J. Varner, Mayor