

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ 20 _____

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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, Tim Enright, Wendi Eldred, Buzz Brown@7:06PM, Glenn Harding
- Absent
- Solicitor: Paul Skaff
- Village Administrator:
- Police: Chief Scott Frank
- Visitors: Bill Davisson, Sergeant Brian Bonnough, Anne Thomas, Helen Bonnough, Brad Heft, Jennifer Asmus, Matt Studer, Wade Bundy

2. Approval of the Agenda for council meeting: Enright moved, Gies 2nd for the approval of the agenda

3. Reading and disposal of journal of proceedings of the council meeting: Enright moved, Eldred 2nd to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2008 council meeting, all yes motion carried.

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

A. Village Administrator/Police Chief: Scott Frank gave his report it is on file with the clerk. Scott Frank presented council of the legislative FACT ACT, this has a proposed resolution that the village is required to enact by November 1st 2008. The police report is also on file.

5. Public presentations and hearings.

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

A. Ordinance O-2008-6 (Establishing a Tree Commission for the Village of Haskins), second reading. Mr. Skaff was in attendance to discuss the next two ordinances. Under the immunity statue which used to read free from nuisance, this language is now interpreted by the courts to give broader immunity to the village, under the new language the village is probably not responsible for all the trees, however establishing a tree commission is a good idea and creating this commission will not create any more liability for the village. The new language now reads other negligent failure; the village would have to found negligent in maintaining the tree. Mike Gonzalez feels if a tree is in the village right of way, the village does have some risk. The village has had ODNR prioritize the hazard trees; the village has this list. Gies moved Enright 2nd for the third reading of this ordinance by number and title Roll Call: Brown, yes, Eldred, yes,

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Enright, yes, Gies, yes, Gonzalez, yes, Harding, yes, all yes, motion carried ordinance stands adopted. .

B. O-2008-7 (Amending the Village of Haskins Tree Ordinance. Gies moved, Enright 2nd for the third reading of this ordinance by number and title with the amendment to the title to include the repealed ordinance number of 268 dated July 15 1985. Roll Call: Brown, yes, Eldred, yes, Enright, yes, Gies, yes, Gonzalez, Harding, all yes, motion carried Ordinance stands adopted.

7. New Business:

8. Committee Reports:

A. Finance and Audit: Glenn Harding reported on the joint committee meeting that was held on October 13th 2008, he deferred this report to Wendi Eldred.

B. Public Safety: Wendi Eldred moved Eldred 2nd to hire a full time officer, this option was decided at the finance and audit and safety meeting, all yes, motion carried. Wendi Eldred reported that the village has received unofficial word that the police department has received a grant for the purchase of a police vest; Wendi thanked Sergeant Bonnough for his work on applying for this grant.

C. Streets and Utilities: Tim Enright thanked Steve Long for his efforts on obtaining salt for the use in the village for this winter; this salt was purchased from the Village of Holland. Tim stated that a committee meeting will be held on Monday October 27th at 6:00PM in the town hall.

D. Public Services: No report at this time

E. Rules and Ordinances: No report at this time

F. Facilities and Grounds: Paul Gies reported on the Urban Forestry Seminar held at Bluffton Collage that was recently held.

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).

The clerk reported the fund status, payment of accounts and warrants paid for the month of September. She reported that the City of Rossford contacted her concerning RITA, Rossford is considering contracting with RITA for income tax collections. Harding moved, Eldred 2nd for the approval of the treasurer's report, all yes motion carried.

A. Eldred moved Enright 2nd for the renewal of the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce dues for 08-09 in the amount of \$346.70, all yes, motion carried.

B. Gies moved, Brown 2nd to renew the Wood County Friends of the Park dues in the amount of \$50.00, all yes, motion carried.

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

11. Visitors input for the good of the village:

Wade Bundy addressed council; he had received a copy of the police report on file with Chief Frank of the incident that occurred when Mr. Bundy came to the town hall offices. Mr. Bundy feels he never received the answer he wanted to hear on that day in question. Why there where no police located at the school crossing? Mr. Bundy feels it is "nice" to see police present, he always sees Sergeant Bonnough there and he feels his tax dollars are paying for

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police so they should be at the school crossing. Mike Gonzalez addressed his concern for the day Mr. Bundy came to the town hall office; Chief Frank was handling village business that morning. Mike Gonzalez stated he has children in the school and is very concerned about there safety, everyone is concerned. All the police are doing their very best to provide the protection they can at the school crossing. Mr. Bundy stated he no longer has children in Haskins but is concerned for other people's children. The clerk asked Mr. Bundy if he has ever taken his concern to the school board. The clerk stated that this issue should also be brought up before the school board; we are all very concerned about the safety of our children in the school. Mr. Bundy stated that there was no one at the school crossing today, the clerk informed that Blanca Dayss was, she volunteers her time there. Mr. Bundy feels if we are paying an officer they should be at the school crossing. Mike Gonzalez stated that in those instances when the police are not present, they are doing other work pertaining to their job, as the village does not have the capability of having 2 officers at all times. At times there are times when other matters at hand are taking place. Mr. Bundy feels the police have quite a budget to operate on, the safety of our kids should be considered. Tim Enright stated that if the village had the sheriff who do a great job but are stretched, they would not be in the school zone. Tim Enright also stated that if the police are in the school zone, someone comes speeding through the zone speeding and does not stop them to issue a ticket, there are coverage issues everywhere. Mr. Bundy read Mr. Franks report on file and Mr. Bundy does not recall it happening that way and feels being asked to leave was very UN professional. Mr. Bundy does recall telling Mr. Frank he is overpaid he is a "firm" believer in this statement he made. Wendi Eldred told those in attendance have devoted a lot to time , the CART team, to make sure this place is safe for everyone. Mr. Bundy feels we should only pay for Chief Frank to be in the village and no where else. Bill Davisson stated citizens do not realize the police department cannot do things in repetition, the police department does not work this way. Paul Gies explained his views on this issue. The police cannot be in the same place everyday all the time. Brad Heft stated when he was on council, they to approach the school to assist more with the crossing guard issue. With respect to Mr. Bundy, he approaches council and the mayor with respect, Mr. Bundy should treat the clerk with that same respect and professionalism when being asked a very valid question to Mr. Bundy if he had approached the school board with his concern. Mr. Bundy stated he thought the clerk had asked him how he voted. Jennifer Asmus stated that she has not been able to attend a lot of the meeting she is now coaching but has been able to look at the minutes to read what has been going on. Mrs. Asmus stated that as an employee of the Otsego School district it disturbed her greatly that two residents of the community that they where afraid to attend school board meeting that it would be taken out on their school children. Mrs. Asmus stated that she has yet to see any retribution taken out on any children, she has been at the different locations in the district. This comment disturbed her that someone would publicly say this about the school board. Mrs. Asmus stated she has never witnessed this by a teacher, board member or employee of the district take any thing negative out on a child because a parent has voiced their concern at a meeting. Mrs. Asmus wanted council to know Mr. Garber is very open to calls and emails for this district, he is a wonderful communicator. Mrs. Asmus stated that if this has happened to a child, she apologizes, she personally has not witnessed this. Mrs. Asmus stated that the School board members and employees are good people and it would disturb Mr. Garber is he knew how these residents felt. Jennifer has been reading things such strategic plan to see what

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has been accomplished, she wanted to know if anyone is attending TMACOG or politicing for the village. Mrs. Asmus stated she hoped Mayor Varner is out there, he represents the village. Mrs. Asmus stated it was nice to here Paul Gies attended a seminar considering there was a tree ordinance reading. Mrs. Asmus stated that the pettiness has to stop, she is sorry people feel that officials are not friendly enough. Taking it personally because someone does not wave or speak, something else could be on their mind, these things should not be taken personally. The village has to pull together, Jennifer feels this is almost bordering on harassment. Jennifer felt the last safety meeting went fantastic, Chief Frank and two other volunteers where out today counting children that walk and ride as part of the "Safe Route to School" grant the village was awarded thanks to the efforts of Chief Frank and Sergeant Bonnough. Jennifer does not want to keep going back but referenced Charlene Genson when she was mayor and the many things she attended in the short amount of time, just not council members, the village needs to pull it together. Jennifer wants to read positive things when the yearly newsletter comes out on what the village has done, she feels that last ten months have been ugly. Paul Gies stated to address one of Jennifer's concerns, he is on the TMACOG's board of trustees, and he has attended some of the meetings. Bill Davisson stated that if anyone has any doubt on what the village police do all they need to do is read the monthly reports on the incident or the yearly reports, they are self explanatory, those who do not read them should not complain. Jennifer Asmus addressed Mayor Varner about how Chief Frank is very focused and diverse. Jennifer does know that it takes a person to dot their I and cross there T', Jennifer took note that the village awarded from the insurance company because we met or exceeded the criteria, this comes from dotting I's and crossing T's. Jennifer is not sure if the premiums went down or not, she hopes they did. Jennifer stated that the Parent's Association felt they where being harassed because the village needed a copy of the insurance, it is not harassment it part of covering the town and to be safe. Issue 1, are there more money available with the stimulus money coming out will there be some for the village. Jennifer knows as a individual group this is looked at. Jennifer would like to know what Mayor Varner is actively doing, what seminars, and training he is doing for the town, she feels this is an enhancement for the town to share this. With the information that is out there, what has Mayor Varner tapped into? Mayor Varner stated that he has talked to other municipalities, mayors, council such as Tontogany and Pemberville. Mayor Varner has been in touch with Middleton Township, he recently attended the township meeting. Mayor Varner spoke to Keith at TMACOG; he has been in touch with Randy Gardner, though it has been awhile since he has spoken to him. Mayor Varner has been gathering information to understand the political landscape. He spoke with Julie out of the Chicago area concerning the NIMMS, FEMA program. Anne Thomas who is the mother of six children, she thanked Chief Frank and Sergeant Bonnough, she realizes that the first 24 hours are the most important and when one of her children came up missing she did not want to wait for the sheriff department, the local police are right here, she thanked them for all they do.

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

[Handwritten signature of Lisa D. Heft]
Lisa D. Heft, Clerk/Treasurer

[Handwritten signature of Randall J. Varner]
Randall J. Varner, Mayor