

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

0215

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ 20 _____

**Haskins Village Council
Journal of Proceedings
December 1, 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, Buzz Brown, Glenn Harding

Absent: Tim Enright, Wendi Eldred

Solicitor:

Village Administrator: Scott Frank

Police: Chief Scott Frank

Visitors: Bill Davison, Jennifer Asmus, Sergeant Bonnough

2. Approval of the Agenda for council meeting: The clerk added the renewal of the Wood County Economic Development Commission Dues in the amount of \$500.00. **Harding moved, Gies 2nd for the approval of the agenda with this addition, all yes, motion carried.**

3. Reading and disposal of journal of proceedings of the council meeting: Gies moved, Gonzalez 2nd to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2008, Paul Gies inquired about the annual fee for the Neptune contract, Mike Gonzalez and Mayor Varner addressed this question, this will be approximately \$1800.00 per year. **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: This report is on file with the clerk and available on the Haskins Village Web page. Mike Gonzalez inquired about leaf pick up. Leaf pick was scheduled to end the 22, 23 and 24th. Residents have placed out more leaves; the problem with this is the village has one truck, the village has finished leaf pick up and chipping work is being finished. Once the truck has the equipment off, and the snow equipment is installed on it this limits the use of this truck, the village has to be prepared for snow. The village may or may not be able to make another pass through the village to pick up leaves. The village is not suggesting for anyone else to put leaves out, the ones that are out now are going to be a problem, the village is not sure how and if they will get them picked up.

5. Public presentations and hearings.

A.

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

7. New Business:

8. Committee Reports:

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

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B. Public Safety: Absent.

C. Streets and Utilities: Absent.

D. Public Services: No report at this time

E. Rules and Ordinances: Mike Gonzalez suggested to council members it is ^{now} not time to look at the Rules of Council. The village is statutorily required to adopt a new resolution every year. If anyone has any suggestions to bring to the table, now is the time to do this. The Rules of Council resolution will be on the agenda for the meeting in January 2009. Mike Gonzalez stated he did look at the Neptune Contract, he felt this contract was a little bit light. Mike stated that this is not necessarily a bad thing that there is not a lot of wording in this contract, Mike feels that the village can touch it up a little bit to protect the village, he will make these suggestions and then forward to everyone to look at. Mike Gonzalez was looking at the funds the village has, it does appear to him that the village is operating at a surplus in the sewer funds. There has been discussion in the past on the village's electric rates and future infrastructure. Next year he would like to see the village give some money back on the sewer rates. The village needs to think about the economy and if people loose there jobs. The village does need to have some reserve in these sewer funds to make the debt service payment. The village needs to build up the electric fund, and to make improvements in that regards, a future electric sub stations is needed. Paul Gies asked if Mike feels if this is something that will be needed to be brought before a rate study committee or something that could be handled by council. Mikes understanding is that the village needed some experience to see where we were, now that the village has a year under its belt, by looking at the sewer fund by what we collect and what the debt service is, it appears to him this fund is healthy. If other people have there ideas and input the village can get together and address this issue. Glenn Harding stated that the loan was just finalized recently. The clerk stated that the amortization schedule has not yet been received. She also stated that when finance and audit met on this issue, the village needed to sure about the operation and maintenance on this plant, which was running high on the new plant. It was suggested that some of the money collected be moved to operation and maintenance then to debt service. Mike Gonzalez did the rough math; it was about 60% positive in both sewer funds. Glenn stated that this was discussed at his committee meeting and this committee meeting felt it was too premature to do anything right at this time. Scott Frank made a suggestion on the Rules of Council that the meetings are now recorded and on the internet. Talking with the clerk who uses the tape recording to keyboard the minutes, it would be helpful that at the beginning of the proceeding that if the date could be stated. Also if someone in the audience is speaking to have them state their name. This will help those who are listening online to know who is speaking. Mike Gonzalez also stated that the village has money earmarked for street reconstruction; the village needs to repave streets.

F. Facilities and Grounds: Paul Gies stated that he did not have quorum for his recent committee meeting that was held. An informational meeting was held and some of these items discussed were trading in the old diesel generator at the old WWTP and buy a new natural gas powered back up generator. Also discussed were options to get internet out to the new WWTP. This committee will also be sending letters out looking for volunteers for the tree commission for the village. This committee will be getting quotes from different tree companies for the trimming of the village trees. Also discussed was the possibility of

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conducting a tree pruning clinic in conjunction with ODNR. The next committee meeting will be held on January 13th at 6:30 in the evening.

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 presented the payment of accounts for approval. The clerk also reported that the income tax collection current to December 1st is \$171,000.00, this is as projected.

Harding moved, Brown 2nd for the approval of the treasurer's report, all yes motion carried.

A. Harding moved, Brown 2nd to approve the renewal of the Ohio Municipal League dues for 2009 in the amount of \$296.00, all yes, motion carried.

B. Gies moved Gonzalez 2nd to renew the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Government dues for 2009 in the amount of \$194.00, all yes, motion carried.

C. Harding moved, Gies 2nd to renew the Wood County Economic Development Commission Dues for 2009 in the amount of \$500.00, 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:

Jennifer Asmus inquired to what the WCEDC does for the village, the clerk answered her question. Jennifer also inquired to what the OML does; Scott Frank and Paul Gies answered her question. Jennifer also asked what the Toledo Area Metropolitan Area of Council of Government, Mayor Varner answered this. Jennifer Asmus stated that she recently attended the internet safety that was held for the teacher in-service that Chief Frank conducted. This was very informative and eye opening for her on to what goes on in this village in regards to this. Jennifer stated that Chief Frank did an excellent job and that she heard nothing but positive remarks after this presentation. Jennifer stated that Blanca Dayss had a concern <she could not attend>. Houdashell has pile of stuff outside of their business next to the fire department. Scott Frank is aware of this and is handling it. Jennifer Asmus asked if the village could look forward to a yearly newsletter this year. Mayor Varner stated that this has not been discussed. Jennifer stated that as a village member she feels this keeps the public informed on to what is going on in the village, she finds is very informative. Paul Gies stated this newsletter is something that in the past has been done in the middle of the year and has been over looked. Jennifer would like to see a newsletter for the New Year

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

[Handwritten signature of Lisa D. Heft]

Lisa D. Heft, Clerk/Treasurer

[Handwritten signature of Randall J. Varner]

Randall J. Varner, Mayor