

Haskins Village Council
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COUNCIL MEETING

The Village Council of Haskins met in the Town Hall at 7:00PM.

A. Mayor Heft called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited.

B. Roll Call all here by roll call, council members present:

Mayor: Bradley A. Heft

Clerk / Treasurer: Lisa D. Heft

President Pro Temp: **Phil Tipton**

Council Member: **Helen Bonnough, Sue Cano, Nancy Perry, Kenny Gwozdz,
Eric Prehn**

Absent **Phil Tipton and Helen Bonnough**

Solicitor: Paul Skaff

**Village
Administrator:** Colby Carroll

Police: Chief Carroll

Visitors: Mike Richardson, Marissa Shank, Mary Wright, Amy Farmer,
Annette Prehn, John T. Eggenton, Nick Bradley, Jason Vogelsong, Kraig Kent, Ron
Timko, Matt Shanahan

Item C on the agenda will be moved to before Item D, as there is a change in order.

Mayor Heft read resignation letter from Council Member Phil Tipton with Bonnough moved Gwozdz 2nd to accept this resignation, all yes motion carried. Gwozdz moved Cano 2nd to appoint Helen Bonnough as President Pro Temp and Planning Commission member with Cano moving Gwozdz 2nd to close the nominations: All yes votes for Bonnough, she will accept this role.

C. Bonnough moved Cano 2nd to approve agenda all yes motion carried.

D. Reports, communications, appointments, and confirmations, from the mayor, directors, of departments, and other village.

E. Reading and disposal of the journal of proceedings: Cano moved Gwozdz 2nd to approve the journal of proceedings for the August 20th meeting, all yes motion carried, journal of proceeding stand adopted.

F. Village Administrator/Police: This report is on file with the clerk.

A. Discussion took place on the walking/bike path as 3 cost estimates were obtained for this project. Concrete versus Asphalt with Asphalt being less expensive at the \$24,000.00 to \$25,000.00 mark. Discussion on the two homes that do not have the sidewalk where this path will begin and who is responsibly this would be for the installation of the sidewalk. A committee meeting of the whole to discuss this will be held on September 11th at 6PM in the village will be discussed. .

B. The new dump truck accessories on keeping the current versus purchasing new. This will be discussed at the committee meeting of the whole as well. Some feel transferring the current will devalue the selling feature if the village decides to sell the old truck.

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- C. Discussion on the financing options for the electric truck as more information will be forthcoming. Mr. Carroll will discuss a possible line of credit with AMP when he attends the conference at the end of the month.
- D. October 20th will be the EMA training for elected officials; this will take approximately 2-3 hours.

G. Public Presentations and Hearings:

H. Old business (legislative business carried over from prior meetings).

The floor was opened to the residents to discuss before council voted on the next two zoning ordinances that are on the agenda for the third and final reading.

Mike Richards spoke and thanked council and reiterated the history of how this started with the Dollar General wanting to build in town. A committee was formed and petition was circulated with this committee knocking on 322 doors and 88.5 percent signing the petition against the Dollar General and to have the land rezoned that is owned by Mr. Long. Mr. Richardson feels leaving this property zoned commercial is a risk to the village. Mr. Long purchased this land in 1997 with a specific site plan submitted for the devolvement of this land, this did not happen. Mr. Richardson encourages council to vote yes with the Planning Commission and residents to rezone this property. Helen Bonnough asked Mr. Richardson if this petition was against a commercial building or against the Dollar General. Mr. Richardson stated it was clearly bolded on the petition that residents were against the Dollar General and to rezone this property. This committee went to 3-5 houses per night as the conversations were approximately 30 minutes long per home. Mr. Richardson heard that Mr. Long would like to put a shed business on this property which he stated will do nothing for the village as far as bringing revenue, he views this as a stall tactic allowing him more time to find a buyer with deep pockets. Mr. Richardson also stated he heard a disabled vehicle lot, which is a “junk yard”, was another option. Mr. Richardson would like to see property rezoned, he feels this would be the best interest in the village, Mr. Long if he receives an offer he can approach the PC with a new site plan. John Eggenton approached council stating that the Wood County Engineer has stated it was a safety issue with the entrance to this property for the Dollar General. There was lighting issues, building issues with the property lines and that type of business coming into the village. If a new comprehensive plan was brought before the PC Mr. Eggenton would consider this plan if it addresses the concerns he stated.

Jason Vogel song was involved in the petition process and had 30-40 minute conversations with people. The main agreement was that the land was re zoned in the late 90’s commercial open for anything to come in. The village does not have control on what goes in there though if what reverted to R-1 zoning and if a better plan comes, it can be rezoned.

Mayor Heft agreed with the committee and the petition opening the member’s eyes on what can and cannot be built on this property owned by Mr. Long. It has to be in line with what is around the area and the village has the right to deny what is placed in the village. If it is not astatically pleasing, the village has the right to deny.

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Mr. Vogel song and Mr. Richardson stated that people in the village are not opposed to commercial development in the town; they just felt blindsided by the possibility of Dollar General being constructed.

Marisa Shank stated she lives across the street from the property in question, she was not happy to deal with a business like Dollar General coming in. If the parking lot and business would be built and potentially not make it, then what? She asked if the original plan from the 90's included houses, Mayor Heft explain the original intent of the land. Ms. Shank stated if there is room for growth, she felt there is room elsewhere.

Mike Richardson stated that he had a long conversation with Mrs. Long after one of the meeting, as she was frustrated. He said he would discuss other options that may work, as this land is somewhat landlocked and difficult to develop. With it-zoned commercial, it has an inflated value since the original plan did not work.

Amy Farmer asked if this was to revert back will there be a statute of limitation on how long they have to build before they lose the zoning. If there can be anything can be written in so this does not happen again. Mr. Richardson thought there as a legal way to write with the intent to rezone. Mayor Heft agreed that something should be written in.

Mr. Vogel song stated as good as the housing market is he cannot believe a developer has not wanted to purchase and continue to build houses. Mr. Long had stated he does not have the money to continue the infrastructure for home building. Mike Richardson stated a realtor knocked on his door last week asked if he was interested in selling his house, you know market is good if this happens.

Mary Wright stated she knows that people have lived in Haskins for a long time, though there are now many transplants who have moved out her for a reason. They moved away from the city, and she stated she passes three grocery stores on the way home. She has not heard anyone complain about having a grocery store in town, if she runs out of bun she goes to OR's.

Mike Richardson stated that 20-30 years the village might want more growth, the village can decide if they want to have business with a tax base or pay more taxes. It cost money to have a police department, there is aging infrastructure.

A. Ordinance O-2018-9 (Amending zoning code ordinance for the Village of Haskins), Bonnough moved Gwozdz 2nd for the 3rd reading of this by number and title, all yes by voice roll with all members voting yes. motion carried. This ordinance will not take effect for 30 days and will run in the local paper twice.

B. Ordinance O-2018-10 (Amending certain sections of the Village of Haskins Zoning Code) Bonnough moved Cano 2nd to give this Ordinance is 3rd reading by number and title, this was explained and concerns the conex boxes and people using them as a garage, this will stop this before it happens with provision in there for temporary pods. This ordinance also defines livestock with provision for six or less chickens with no roosters, rabbits, and structures that are allowed to house these animals in. all yes by voice roll call with all members voting yes, motion carried, Ordinance stands adopted.

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C. Resolution R-2018-7 (Accepting amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor) Bonnough moved Cano 2nd for the 2nd reading of this, all yes motion carried.

D. New Business:

Resolution R-2018-8 will be tabled until next meeting, as not everything was prepared in time.

E. Committee Reports:

A Finance and Audit: absent

B. Public Safety: A meeting will be held on 9/11 after committee meeting of the whole and Paul Skaff is requested to attend.

C. Streets and Utilities: absent

D. Public Services: Waiting on response from WM concerning the recycling. Colby Carroll discussed the Halloween event with a bounce house, food vendors and outside movie. The approximant cost will be about \$3,000.00 as this event will advertised in the utility bill. Mayor Heft asked about donation and would donate his mayor check if need be. Mr. Carroll will talk to business for donations as there was discussion on a corn hole tournament.

E. Rules and Ordinance: no report at this time.

F. Facilities and Grounds: no report at this time.

K. Treasurer's Report (Cash Summary by fund, Fund Status, Payment Accounts, and Mayor's Court receipts, Bank reconciliation presented the second meeting of the month. Bonnough moved Cano 2nd to approve the payment of accounts, all yes, motion carried. The clerk explained the need for Resolution R-2018-8 that will be on the next agenda. The village currently pays for 384 recyclers in the village.

L Miscellaneous business (discussion of matter of general interest, communications, petitions and claims.

M. Visitors input for the good of the village: Mike Richardson stated that he promised people that he would go back and talk with them about the PD, the funding, the presence and how to get people to understand the cost for a department. The village is having trouble filling vacant police positions or keeping police mostly due to pay. This is a problem in other village' as well. Finding qualified police to fill the position is becoming difficult, Bowling Green, Napoleon and many other departments are having issues.

N. Upcoming Meeting and Important dates:

O. Adjournment: Bonnough moved Cano 2nd to adjourn

Lisa D. Heft Clerk Treasurer

Bradley A. Heft Mayor