

Held JANUARY 14, 1986

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1985 MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL  
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I would like to take this opportunity to again congratulate the new members of Council on their election to their prestigious position. There is a lot of work to be accomplished during your term of office and I am looking forward to working with you to find solutions to any problems that may arise and to coordinate legislation together that will make Windham a better place to work and live.

Some of the issues and projects that the previous Council handled in 1985 and this Council is facing in 1986 are:

- a. BUDGET: As always this is the key to all pertinent problems and their eventual solution. Taking the money we have and using it wisely is the mark of good financial planning and utilization. You will be asked to do just that. The Village's financial condition is far from where it should be but is a far sight better than it was two years ago. We seem to be just keeping our head out of the water.
- b. REVENUE SHARING: In accordance with the new law recently passed by Congress the Federal Revenue Sharing Program has been cut by 5% to all Government Municipalities. This figures out to be \$5,000 for the Village of Windham that we will not have in 1986. There are some feeling in Congress to completely do away with this program altogether. If this happens, we will be in sad shape financially.
- c. MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND: The amount of money that is needed to operate the street department and the amount of money received does not match. We have been subsidizing the Maintenance & Repair Fund from the General Fund. We are going to have to look forward to this being a reality that we'll have to live with.
- d. FAIR LABOR STANDARD ACT: We must have all the necessary legislation and analogies in place before the deadline set by Congress. I would like to take this opportunity to go on record as agreeing with the Fair Labor Standards Act so far as paying time and one-half for overtime.
- e. INSURANCE: This past year was a trying one for all municipalities purchasing insurance. Recently House Bill #176 was passed in Columbus alleviating a lot of the problems that led to the insurance crisis.
- f. SENIOR CITIZENS COMPLEX: There has been another failure by a private concern to obtain financing for a senior citizen complex to be built in Windham. I don't have an answer as to where we go from here.
- g. CRIME WATCH PROGRAM: The Village participated in the establishment of the C.H.Mallett Crime Watch Program. I would like to thank Councilman Herb Davis and his DeMolay group from Akron for installing the Crime Watch Signs throughout the Village and Township.
- h. TRASH PICK-UP: We have a continuing problem with trash throughout the Village. This Council will have to decide which direction to take to solve this problem.
- i. LIBRARY: The Past Council entered into a lease agreement with the Friends of the Library at the Community Building site. With several thousand dollars in donations and a lot of volunteer help we were able to renovate the west wing of the building and Windham now has a first class library it can be proud of.

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- j. WATER PLANT: The new water treatment plant that Windham so desperately needs is finally a reality with work to begin in the spring of this year.
- k. COMPUTER: The Village has a computer that was purchased used several years ago from the City of Newton Falls. In the last three years the Village has spent \$11,300.00 to maintain the present computer. A new computer system that would handle the Utility Billing, Payroll, Income Tax and the Police Department filing must be looked into by this Council.
- l. CODIFIED ORDINANCES: The last time that the Village had its Ordinances codified was 1974. In order for the Police Department to do a better job it will be this Council's responsibility to pursue this matter further.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1986

- a. Retain Ron Kane as Village Solicitor at the same rate of pay.
- b. Consider raises at the April Council meeting. I also recommend that the two water plant operators wages be the same as the street department employee.
- c. Give serious consideration towards purchasing a new computer system for the Clerks Office and Police Department. To accomplish this I recommend that a ceiling of \$10,000 be placed on the Housing Rental License account and the balance be transferred into the General Fund. The computer system could then be purchased with 1/3 from the Water Fund, 1/3 from the Sewer Fund and 1/3 from the General Fund.
- d. Council must also give serious consideration concerning the codified ordinances. With the information that I have it looks as if we may accomplish this for approximately \$1200.
- e. I recommend Council pass the revised rate structure for water rates, that was considered by Council in December 1985.
- f. I recommend that Council agrees to the proposal to be presented by the Volunteer Fire Department concerning the tables and chairs for the Community Building.
- g. I ask Council to consider a rate adjustment for the rent of the Community Building to better reflect our expenses of said building.
- h. I urge the Safety Committee to recommend to the full body of Council that the process of selecting and appointing a sergeant for the Police Department be made immediately.
- i. I recommend to Council to amend Ordinance #1257, so that the Chief of Police can better utilize his part-time personnel. The section limiting the part-time dispatchers at six and the part-time patrolmen at two should be changed to read "as needed" Require employment application and payroll records be on file in the Village Clerk's Office at least forty eight hours prior to starting date.
- j. I recommend to Council that a provision and a set of guidelines be established concerning schooling of the Police Department personnel.

Respectfully,



Maurice E Hankins Mayor  
(My term expires 12/31/87)

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As Mayor, I hereby make the following appointments for 1986:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

C Herb Davis, Chairman  
Robin Turner  
Kenneth Canan

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Robin Turner, Chairman  
Cathy Gilpin  
C Herb Davis

UTILITY COMMITTEE

Cathy Gilpin, Chairman  
Kenneth Canan  
C. Herb Davis

STREETS & SIDEWALKS  
COMMITTEE

Ed Shearer, Chairman  
Cathy Gilpin  
James Starkey

BUILDING & PROPERTY  
COMMITTEE

Kenneth Canan, Chairman  
Ed Shearer  
James Starkey

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE

Robin Turner  
James Starkey

PLANNING & ZONING

Kenneth Canan

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Dan John

HOUSING CODE INSPECTOR


Dan John

HOUSING APPEALS BOARD

Ed Shearer

MEMORIAL DAY REPRESENTIVE

Kenneth Canan



Maurice E Hankins Mayor  
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