

Held JANUARY 10, 1984

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1983 MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL
(Ohio Revised Code Section 733.41)

First of all I would like to say I'm looking forward to working in unison with this Council to achieve several goals towards improving the Village of Windham. Together I know we can find a way to accomplish almost any project that will benefit the Village and its people. To me co-operation and a close watch of the finances is the key to any successful endeavor. A return to the use of the committees of this Council for guidance will create substantial benefits for a smooth and orderly form of government.

Some of the key issues and goals that I see the Village facing this year are as follows:

- a. **BUDGET:** The Finance Committee is going to have a big task, as usual, this year. The majority of all decisions are easily made when the money is available. Nineteen Eighty-Four will be another closely watched budget due to the unreliable economy. One bright aspect is the apparent good success of Harbison-Walker.
- b. **HOUSING CODE:** The sub-standard housing that still exists within the Village (mostly in Maple Grove) is the most paramount problem that needs solved. For 3½ years it seems we have been shuffling papers back and forth with no apparent end in sight. Somehow this Council and myself have got to find a solution. The bottom line is I want to see the housing units brought up to code and passed. I personally am willing to devote 100% effort towards removing the stalemate and confrontation that exists between the Village and the Philnat Corporation.
- c. **MUNICIPAL BUILDING:** As all of you are aware our Municipal Building is in a deplorable state. It's time to repair and improve the building as much as we possibly can. We can't afford to pay to have these needed repairs done because we only have so much money in the building fund. Therefore, I have received firm confirmation from at least eight volunteers who will assist in repairing the Municipal Building. All the Village will have invested is the cost of the materials.
- d. **FIRE STATION:** I would like to personally thank the voters who supported the efforts of the Windham Volunteer Fire Department in achieving a 25 year old dream, A NEW FIRE STATION. I would also like to say THANK YOU and applaud the Firemen who worked hard towards getting the issue placed on the ballot and its eventual passage. Also this administration is looking forward to a good working relationship with the Windham Township Trustees concerning Fire Department matters.
- e. **SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING:** For over three years the Village residents have been led to believe that Senior Citizen Housing was close to becoming a reality. It's time to put a maximum effort forward towards this goal. I've asked P.M.H.A. Director Fred Spataro to look into any avenues of resources that would resuly in the completion of this project.
- f. **CABLE T.V.:** I have recently sent a letter to M.B.S. Cable T.V. requesting a meeting to solve the problem that exists within the Village limits concerning several residences that presently do not have cable hook-up. It's simply not fair for one family to have cable while his neighbor across the street does without.
- g. I recently had a discussion with a representative of Golf Investments about their intentions concerning the vacant lots in Windham Estates. He assured me that come spring time they were going to clean-up the lots and make some improvements before trying to sell them.
- h. I am going to constantly be striving to clean-up Village property and therefore return some pride to the Village.
- i. Last week I had a meeting with United Telephone about what it would take to get toll free service for the Windham exchange. It is highly involved and would include the P.U.C.O., Public Hearings, petitions and approval from 75% of the 326 exchange customers. He informed me that Windham is on the list for a digital office in approximately 5 or 6 years. The digital office would give us added features such as call waiting, speed dialing and call forwarding.

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As Mayor, I hereby make the following appointments for 1984:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Walter Lininger
Richard Sands
Robert Small

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jack Brockway
Walter Lininger
Edward Shearer

UTILITY COMMITTEE

C Herb Davis
Robert Small
Richard Sands

**STREETS & SIDEWALKS
COMMITTEE**

Jack Brockway
C Herb Davis
Edward Shearer

**BUILDING & PROPERTY
COMMITTEE**

C Herb Davis
Robert Small
Edward Shearer

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE**

Walter Lininger
Jack Brockway

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Robert Small

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Mark Taylor

HOUSING APPEALS BOARD

Richard Sands

HOUSING INSPECTOR

Ralph Johnson (1yr)

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Harry Diroll (1yr)

BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

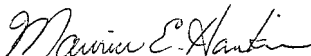
Blanton Abel

Dale Belnap

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1984

- a. Retain Ronald J Kane as Village Solicitor at the same rate of pay. The Finance Committee should get together with Ron and recommend an amendment, concerning his "Housing Code" contract that deals with the \$2500 fee for "each separate action filed".
- b. Retain Glenwood Barker as Street Commissioner at \$200 per year.
- c. Approve the spending of funds from the Building Fund for repairs to the Municipal Building.
- d. The Utilities Committee will have to study the sewer account and return to Council with a recommendation concerning any needed increase in sewage rates.
- e. Request that the Solicitor draft an enforceable Ordinance dealing with vehicles that are not in operable condition.
- f. Purchase another used Highway Patrol car for the Police Department. The present condition of the General Fund can't support the purchase of a new car.
- g. Borrow \$20,000 from the Water Fund for the General Fund in order to meet payroll for the month of January.
- h. Check into the possibility of going together with other Police Departments in northern Portage County for a "Leads Machine".
- i. At this time I cannot make a clear-cut recommendation concerning pay raises for the Village employees until I sit down with the Finance Committee to review the budget.
- j. We need to do whatever we can to reduce the present high cost of hospitalization insurance for the Village employees.

Respectfully submitted,



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