

Dear Council Applicant,

Attached is the brief 7 item questionnaire that I spoke to everyone about via phone. It is an attempt to both streamline the interview process and give current Council members more insight into each applicant. To be clear, these questions were developed by me and this is not a joint effort. That is to say that this is not an official Council sanctioned part of the interview process. Although my plan is to make the answers available to all of Council once they are returned. Although it is a short turnaround time, I would like your answers back by Monday at noon.

Questionnaires should be returned electronically to Kathy Hoskinson our Clerk of Council at: [khoskinson@ci.pataskala.oh.us](mailto:khoskinson@ci.pataskala.oh.us)

I believe that the questions are self-explanatory, but I am always available to speak to you. My cell # is 614-805-7387.

Finally, let me thank each of you for caring enough to apply for this job. It is an extremely busy and exciting time for Pataskala. As a result, serving requires significant time and effort and I am personally grateful that we have so many qualified citizens willing to step up!

Sincerely,

Tim Hickin

## Pataskala City Council Applicant Questions

1) Is there a cause, event or subject that made you apply for this opening?

No, I just felt it was the right time for me in my career.

2) Please tell me about your complete history of volunteering in your community.

Started just out of High School.

- School levy failed and the school board voted to not pay for extracurricular activities. I was asked by Joe Ault to consider coaching on his staff. I was a Freshman coach with Odell Jackson for 2 yrs. After I got a job outside of college years I continued to scout for Joe and Jerry Cooke for 8yrs.
- 15yrs on the board of The Fairfield County Leroy Boyd Scholar Athlete Foundation.
- Lancaster Ewing Jr. High School. Same situation as with Watkins. The school levy had failed, and Rob Carpenter asked me to help him coach the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams.
- Planning and Zoning City of Pataskala 10 yrs.
- I also volunteered with the recent Pataskala YMCA capital campaign and assisted with trying to get donations for their renovation project.
- Ohio High School Athletic Association; I was a high school football official for 25 years as well as taught a class to people who were interested in becoming a football official. I was paid for officiating, but it was a nominal amount.

What is your philosophy on volunteerism and how it works with a city?

Volunteerism has great value for both the city and the people in it. It is a great way to get out and meet new people, and to bring light to more opportunities to grow with the community. Afterwards you always feel a great sense of accomplishment when you have volunteered your time.

For the city it's very important to encourage volunteerism. It helps build community pride and morale and it gets people involved. It then allows you to interact with them one on one to get to know them better and allows them to feel free to talk more about their ideas, suggestions and any concern they may have.

3) If placed in this position would you intend to run again when the term is up? Yes.

4) In your opinion what is the #1 issue that Pataskala is dealing with currently?

It's a great question and I'm sure there are many good directions. Mine is dealing with the roads for our current and future infrastructure. Some of this we control and some we don't.

Why?

We only have 2 major arteries in and out of our city, St. Rte. 310 and St. Rte. 16. For commuters that work in Columbus and its surrounding areas it's becoming more difficult to get to their places of employment on time. For future new businesses (non-retail and Food service related) from my distribution business back ground I fear that this could become a deterrent for them to want to plant their business roots into our community if it's difficult to get their trucks in and out of our city. As I stated in my opening some of this, we do not have control of. Our neighbors in all directions are growing in a very rapid rate and we need to make sure we don't get trapped/land locked in the middle. As for the areas we can affect, it's our many dangerous and over crowded intersections on our main and secondary roads.

5) Please describe your philosophy regarding development and how it affects Pataskala

Development is so important to Pataskala. My dad was a farmer and a businessman, so I grew up with a strong love and desire for our agricultural roots, but I also understand our need to grow in the business sectors as well. With 310 and 16 I feel we have great opportunities retail and food service venues. The industrial park area has seen some great inquires but we haven't landed that big one yet, it will happen. The next major subject is residential growth and where? While I definitely feel we need to continue to grow in our area here we need to be smart about it.

6) Generally, the departments of the city are listed below. (excluding Finance) Please rank them in order of importance to you:

Drainage/Water and Sewer/Police & Protection/Parks and Rec./Roads/ Development

- Police & Protection
- Development
- Roads
- Water and Sewer
- Drainage
- Parks and Rec.

7) If the annual city budget was \$100 how much money would you assign to each department (I am roughly looking to see what percentage of 100 you would assign to each subject)

- Roads 25%
- Water and Sewer 19.50%
- Drainage 19.50%
- Police & Protection 18%

- Development 13%
- Parks and Rec. 5%