

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

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**

### **Jude Hampshire**

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

I had applied about 4 years ago for an opening and was given some tips from Council about getting involved to be better prepared when another opening came around. When I saw these positions on the Pataskala Facebook Page it really spoke to me as being time to step up again.

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

I am active in my church helping as needed and if I cannot help I recruit someone to help in my place. I am a Scout Leader of 14 years coming up on 15 this summer and along with my 3 boys I have tried things I otherwise never would have like caving, rock climbing, whitewater rafting, shooting, archery, rappelling, first aid, knots, campfire songs, fishing, rowing, and so much more – I have also been able to lead other kids to trying things they thought they couldn't do and helping kids refine a skill they had an underlying talent in. For the past several years I have been your Uncle Sam at the front gate of the Fireworks – after my several hour shift of greeting our guests in their cars and telling them about the event and giving out Community items, I then retire to The Lions Club Concession Stand and sell food for the rest of the night. I collect pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House through anyone who wants to save them and hand them over – I then pass them on to a local Scout to weigh and turn in. I am on the Board of Directors for explore Licking County (The Licking County Convention and Visitors Bureau) as the Pataskala City Representative appointed by the Mayor for 3 year terms – I have spoken up, volunteered, and offered Pataskala in all aspects on this Board – as we are out on the very edge of the County we often get ignored – I make sure we NEVER get ignored. Last year I was richly rewarded with an additional advertising page in the annual County guide – I polled my focus group and turned in all the great subject ideas and they chose Melissa Carter's idea and made the page – the Executive Director then came to a Council meeting and presented a framed copy of that very special page to the Mayor. I am the Parent-Cheering Leader for the Licking Heights Marching Band Section in the stands at all Marching Band Events – I have signs, cheers, pomp poms, beads, buttons, and a complete wardrobe in school colors. I am the current President of the Summit Station Lions Club – one of the youngest in recent years, I have worked my way up through all the preceding positions and petition new members, volunteer at events, work the Club Concession Stand at Turkey Shoots and The Street Fair, hand out cookies at the Cookie Walk dressed as Mrs. Claus. And finally I take pictures all over Pataskala and try my best to share them so others can see how great Pataskala is.

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

My overall philosophy is that each person gives back a little and then no one person or group has to handle the whole load and we end up with beautiful events and even more beautiful places to have the events. My personal philosophy is that I have been so richly blessed beyond anything I ever imagined I would be through a combination of luck, hard work, time and effort that I volunteer as much as I can and readily recruit others to join me.

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? Why?**

In my opinion the #1 issue Pataskala is dealing with right now is growth along with progression – how do we maintain that small-town atmosphere that is such a draw to so many while still allowing everyone who wants to come here – how do we keep our businesses Mom & Pop but still allow the Big Box Stores and Chain Stores that draw new people in, how do we keep our image quaint while having roads, and facilities, and Police & Fire to handle the masses, how do we keep our atmosphere rural but have schools to handle all the children? Do we continue to build complexes and subdivisions to allow the growth when it cuts into farms and wetlands? An endless dilemma that the people that started Pataskala I'm sure would be amazed to see.

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

My philosophy regarding development is a balancing act – we have to be welcoming to those businesses that want to come here offering goods and services and jobs in order to get the residents to want to come here, we then have to consider the maintenance of our roads, the capacities of our schools, the Police & Fire having the abilities to handle all situations and numbers, housing, utilities, taxes, and local laws – are all of our services and necessities growing along with our population or is one exceeding the other. One of these is always first and then the other must follow-and generally the growth comes first and then the service increases follow-hoping there are no serious repercussions in the meantime.

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**

1. Police & Protection
2. Roads
3. Development
4. Parks and Rec.
5. Water and Sewer
6. Drainage

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)**

1. Police & Protection – 35% = \$35.00
  2. Roads – 20% = \$20.00
  3. Development – 15% = \$15.00
  4. Parks and Rec. – 10% = \$10.00
  5. Water and Sewer – 10% = \$10.00
  6. Drainage – 10% = \$10.00
- Total 100% = \$100.00

**Thank You!!!!**