

**Call to Order**

The Regular Session of Council was called to order by Mayor Mike Erwin. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Roll Call was completed by Clerk of Council. The following members were present.

Mike McKeehan – P

Judy Neal – P

Terry Erwin– P

William Thompson – P

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P

Paul Zorn – P

**Flag & Seal Contest**

Village Administrator Rod Smith recognized and congratulated the two top winners, Ryan Castle and Richard King, Richard, Kathy and Mary Oeder and their entries. He recognized Councilman Zorn for introducing the idea for the contest. Zorn presented each winner with a certificate and gift card. A photo of Zorn, the winners and winning entries was captured. Mr. Oeder commented on the effort and thanked the Village. Smith asked Castle and King to exchange information and let him know how the collaboration was going as they work together to merge the two winning entries into one design.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh to approve the minutes of the February Meeting; second by Councilwoman Neal. All yea.

**Committee Reports/Legislation from Village Officials**

Public Works Committee – Isaacs-Niemesh advised the committee determined a monthly scheduled date for their meetings, the first Tuesday of each month as needed at 6:30pm.

Police Committee – Councilman McKeehan advised the committee met on March 11 and set a date for future meetings, the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The committee recommended to Council for the short term, during Landrum’s light duty and recuperation, a full time officer assume the patrol work until approximately May 11 in the person of Auxiliary Officer Craig Roberts. Zorn requested a Get Well greeting sent for Officer Landrum. Councilman Thompson advised he forwarded an email requesting the day changed for the committee meeting due to a schedule conflict. All were in agreement.

Motion by Councilman McKeehan to approve the employment of a full time officer during Landrum’s recovery; second by Neal. All yea.

Smith provided a report to Council; he advised the administration is trying to streamline processes professionally. Smith stated the Village is working with Warren County Regional Planning Commission in developing the Comprehensive Plan. With regard to the boards and commissions, he asked citizens who were interested in serving to contact him. He advised participants must be eighteen (18) and a resident of Morrow for one year. Smith reported the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee will meet in April; he advised there is a survey on-line and asked for individual thoughts, input on what residents would like to see moving forward.

He reported he, the staff, Terry Erwin and the Parks Committee are getting the park ready for Spring events. On March 30, the Fellowship of Praise Church will hold an Easter Egg Hunt in Phegley Park from Noon to 2pm. Smith also advised the 2-sided changeable sign previously discussed was installed on the Municipal Building. Isaacs-Niemesh, McKeehan, Neal and other Council members commented on how nice the sign looked.

Administrator Smith announced Public Works employee, Mike Hanna's 6<sup>th</sup> year employment anniversary would be March 13, 2013 along with Zoning Inspector Jesse McKeehan's 1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary. Also, Jesse's birthday would be March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> would be Cindy Wilmot, Mayor's Court Clerk and Tax Administrator's 21<sup>st</sup> year employment anniversary.

Smith discussed Ordinance #13-00, water bill reduction previously passed, referencing the criteria. He advised one citizen recently experienced a broken meter and high water bills; he stated he believed the situation warranted consideration.

Motion by Neal to allow a reduction in the citizen's water bill referenced; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All yea.

**Ordinances/Resolutions**

Fiscal Officer Kathie Koehler requested a Resolution for adjustments to appropriation line items for Workmen's Compensation, a Resolution to decrease 2101-630-420-0006 by \$3,915, 2101-620-300 by \$82.84 and increase 2101-800-520 by \$4,042.00 for the purchase of a salt spreader; Resolution to increase employee Health Insurance \$9,700 a year for Village, \$3,850 in Street and \$5,850 in Water for Hanna, a Resolution for \$4,800 in General for temporary full-time police officer Craig Roberts, and \$480 OPER, \$70 Medicare for a total of \$5,350.

Solicitor Kaspar advised separate Resolutions were in order and recommended handling them as emergency legislation.

Motion by Neal to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #6-13; second by Councilman Erwin. All yea. Motion by Neal to adopt Resolution #6-13, approving increase in appropriations for salt spreader; second by Erwin. All yea. Motion carried.

Motion by Neal to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #7-13; second by Erwin. All yea. Motion by Neal to adopt Resolution #7-13, approving modification of appropriation line items for Workmen's Compensation as listed; second by Erwin. All yea.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #8-13; second by Erwin. All yea. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to adopt Resolution #8-13, approving increase in appropriations for Hanna's health insurance, \$9,700 with adjustments \$3,850 to Street and Water \$5,850; second by Erwin. All yea.

Motion by Erwin to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #9-13; second by Neal. All yea. Motion by Erwin to adopt Resolution #9-13, approving adjustment in appropriations and increase in Police Fund by \$5,350 for temporary full-time police officer; second by Neal. All yea.

Thompson stated the committee met; Landrum was on light duty and will work for the Village also during this time. Smith explained; earlier in the day, Landrum complained of foot pain and the doctor advised him to go home. He stated Landrum would be on Workmen's Compensation which was a change in plans.

**Public Forum**

Erica Levine on behalf of Cub Scout Pack 838 requested the Village assist with \$150 for an overnight trip to the Zoo for the scouts who worked hard to raise \$1,050. Neal advised she took the trip with the Girl Scouts previously and it was exciting. T. Erwin commended the group for a good job raising over a thousand dollars. The Mayor stated the scouts were a worthy cause.

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Motion by Erwin to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #10-13; second by Neal. All yea. Motion by Erwin to approve Resolution #10-13, approving disbursement of \$150 to Cub Scout Pack 838 for travel overnight to the Zoo; second by Neal. All yea.

Erica Levine thanked the Village. She stated with their help, no cub scout in Morrow would be required to pay for the trip.

Mayor Erwin reported recently a home was destroyed by fire early in the morning in the Village; it was a catastrophe. There was a security camera. Chief of Police Kilburn entered the home twice in the midst of the flames to be sure everyone was out of the building. This fact was discovered via security camera; the Chief never mentioned it. This was an act of bravery, above and beyond the call of duty. He thanked him and advised he would place a document in his file. The Mayor also reported Officer Landrum was attempting to help the occupant of a vehicle who hit a telephone pole with a fallen line down when he broke his foot. Landrum did not know the gentleman had expired when he approached the vehicle. He commended Landrum and stated these are the type of individuals we have serving Morrow.

**Approval of Disbursements**

Disbursements were distributed by Koehler. Standard Bank Reconciliation Reports by Fund and Fund Summary were provided from February 1, 2013 to March 8, 2013.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to pay the bills; second by Neal. All yea.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Erwin to adjourn; second by Zorn. All yea.

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Kathie Koehler, Fiscal Officer

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Mike Erwin, Mayor