

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 – A

Judy Neal – P

Terry Erwin– P

William Thompson – P

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P

Paul Zorn – P

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Councilwoman Neal to approve the minutes of the November 12th Meeting; second by Councilman Zorn. Councilman Thompson stated he had an exception to the minutes that he would take up with Administrator Smith later; he advised there were statements that were not included in the minutes. All ye.

Shawn Campbell / Jones Warner Engineering

Campbell reported on the Highlawn Avenue project; he discussed mill and building an asphalt overlay. He stated weather had been a factor. Storm sewers on Welch and roadway reclamation will be completed in the Spring. The Mayor asked what would be done to make the road usable. Campbell advised the road would be filled in with compacted material and back filled. He stated Duke replaced the gas main in the last two weeks, although they were notified one year ago. Campbell advised accurate drawings were needed for water locations and stressed the Village needed to look at them. Discussion followed. The Mayor referenced the cost and past discussions on the drawings. Campbell stated mapping had been brought up for several years and cost had been a factor. The Mayor advised there would be another Council meeting within the next two weeks. Mayor Erwin advised the Village experienced water breaks and a major failure with filtration. He stated we will discuss this at the next meeting. Campbell advised he would have a Resolution for the next meeting. The Mayor asked about patch. Campbell stated it wouldn't happen now due to temperatures. He advised the base had not been reclaimed; a release of liability for failure of the base would be required if done now.

Daniel Geroni / Warren County Regional Planning Commission

Daniel Geroni presented a slide presentation on the Comprehensive Plan for Morrow. He advised work began on the project 1 ½ years ago. He discussed the process and content of the plan. Slides viewed were titled *Why Plan, Policy Terms, The CAC, Revitalize Downtown, Projects for Consideration, Farmer's Market, Downtown Strength, Neighborhoods, Strengths of Neighborhoods, Maps, Economic Development, Village Revenue, Gateway Landmarks, Quality of Life, Topography, Pictures, Infrastructure, Morrow-Roachester Sanitary Sewer Service and Building a Better Tomorrow.*

Geroni discussed the community vision and advised the prior plan from 1978 was obsolete; the new plan was organized around goals. He advised the strategies were action statements for implementation. He gave the composition of the Steering Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee. Key projects were highlighted; he commented on the social and cultural heart of the downtown, building restoration projects to be considered, landmarks and funding sources suggested. Geroni discussed identity, pride, and landscapes and stressed the appearance of neighborhoods; he spoke of business uses along the US 22 corridor and incentives such as State of Ohio, etc. and cultivating employment. He discussed amending the Flood Map, the pipe capacity of the sanitary sewer system and the idea of building residences on top with garages on the bottom at the local level.

Councilman Erwin stated he appreciated all the work put into the project. Zorn, the Mayor and other Council members agreed. Thompson asked what the mechanism was for adopting the plan and if a Resolution was needed. Stan Williams, also from WCRPC, stated a Resolution would be needed; Solicitor Kaspar concurred. The Mayor stated the plan gives good direction. Thompson stated he felt it was a wonderful plan; he referenced the Ohio Revised Code, stating it didn't provide for emergency legislation, reading a part of the code. The Mayor stated he didn't believe it was being done on emergency basis. Kaspar provided the first reading of the Resolution.

Motion by Neal to adopt Resolution #31-13, adopting the Morrow Comprehensive Plan; second by Thompson. All yea.

Geroni advised the plan was available on PDF on the website, advising the link may be accessed through the Village website or Warren County Regional Planning Commission by clicking the tab *Current Projects*. The Mayor discussed infrastructure, drainage and downtown improvement. He stated investors look at these things; this is where we have put forth efforts over the last few years.

Committee Reports/Legislation from Village Officials

Parks Committee – Erwin thanked the Parks & Recreation Committee members for their work on Christmas on Main Street, stating it was a success.

Police Committee – Zorn reported the Chief of Police advised everything looked good.

Public Works – The Mayor advised Administrator Smith was out ill.

Councilwoman Isaacs Niemesh asked if a voucher could be provided for Kroger's. The Mayor stated the gift cards from Kroger's were previously misappropriated. Isaacs-Niemesh stated an individual could not get as much in groceries from another vendor. The Mayor asked Isaacs-Niemesh to talk with Kroger's to see if the Village could have vouchers. Isaacs-Niemesh inquired regarding Council's schedule for the VFW function. Neal stated she would be there after 2pm. Discussion followed.

Zorn addressed the Neighborhood Watch Program. He suggested Mr. Dave Ducker work on the Neighborhood Watch committee, stating he did a good job. Zorn also offered his help. Thompson stated he didn't believe there was a rule that required one to be a Council member to serve on the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Fiscal Officer Koehler distributed two Schuerer Trust Fund applications for review. Thompson asked Koehler how many water customers there were. Koehler stated she would check for an exact number. She advised a Resolution was needed for decreases /increases in appropriations for PEP Insurance, salt, zoning to pay the administrator and the Park Fund for Christmas on Main Street. The Mayor explained the Village sold space/booths, banners, etc. and was paid for the advertising; he stated it's a matter of moving income. Koehler added the principal adjustment on the Police car loan to the Resolution request. Isaacs-Niemesh asked why the PEP insurance had gone up so much. Koehler mentioned the truck and regular increases. Koehler also advised she wanted to call a Special Meeting to adopt the 2014 Budget. Dates were discussed; Mayor Erwin stated he would check and advise later. Kasper provided the language for the legislation for miscellaneous appropriations adjustments.

Motion by Neal to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #32-13; second by Erwin. All yea. Motion by Neal to adopt Resolution #32-13, approving adjustments to appropriations as specified; second by Erwin. All yea. Motion Carried.

Approval of Disbursements

Koehler provided revenue statistics, bank reconciliations and disbursements.

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

Motion by Neal to approve the Schuerer Trust Fund applications; second by Zorn. All yea.

Public Forum – No comments

Neal discussed the recount of the recent local election and advised it was certified on November 21st. She stated she had the official numbers that were certified. Neal also reported the Food Pantry was serving 400 per month. She advised she planned to determine a way to get food to others that are not currently served due to the transportation need. She stated food pantry leaders plan to meet with her after the holiday season. Zorn and Erwin stated they would help. Discussion continued. Mrs. Thompson stated the groceries could be transported to the people in need.

Zorn advised he had a check for Morrow to Morrow from the Masonic Temple for the Christmas Dinner. He presented plaques to various Council members and provided a special award for Carol Alexander, a Morrow resident who delivers to soldiers overseas.

Mayor Erwin thanked Councilmen Zorn and McKeehan for their dedicated service to the Village of Morrow for many years. Zorn stated he enjoyed the work and appreciated the Mayor asking him to serve. All applauded.

Adjournment

Motion by Neal to adjourn; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All yea.

Kathie Koehler, Fiscal Officer

Mike Erwin, Mayor