

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.

Yorkie Bryant	Judy Neal
Terry Erwin	John Poe
Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh	William Thompson

Motion by Councilman Erwin nominating Judy Neal as Vice-Mayor; second by Councilman Poe. All yea by roll call. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Councilwoman Neal to approve the minutes of the December 10th Regular Session and the December 19th Special Meeting with the necessary corrections noted by Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh and Councilman Thompson; second by Councilman Erwin.

Mayor Erwin called for any remaining reports from December 2013 for Public Works or Police Committee. No Reports. The Mayor made assignments for 2014 for Finance, Public Works, Police, Parks and Recreation, Records Commission and Tree Board committees for Village Council. Committee Chairmen are Mayor Erwin, Councilman York Bryant, Judy Neal, Terry Erwin and Mike Erwin, respectively. Council Liaisons and members for various organizations were also named. List Attached

Mayor Erwin advised a Public Works Committee meeting with the engineer to discuss the Water Plant and include a tour was scheduled for January 15, 2014 at the Municipal Building. He stated a grant application must be submitted by February to the County for a CDBG for possible funding of \$100K for the Water Plant project; the failures must be fixed.

Motion by Erwin to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #1-14; second by Bryant. Thompson called for a Point of Order. He stated design specifications were needed before we move forward; he asked if the engineering was far enough along. The Mayor stated we have the engineering. Motion by Erwin to adopt Resolution #1-14, authorizing the Mayor or Village Administrator to make application with Warren County for CDBG; second by Bryant.

Police Chief Kilburn advised the Ohio Revised Code 2014 Edition which includes Basic Codes and updates for Mayor's Court must be adopted. Solicitor Kaspar gave the reading for the Ordinance.

Motion by Erwin to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Ordinance #1-14; second by Neal. All yea. Motion by Erwin to adopt Ordinance #1-14, adopting 2014 ORC and approving purchase of 2014 edition; second by Neal. All yea. Motion Carried.

Village Administrator Smith discussed Regional Planning Commission and advised the Zoning Code needs to be updated; the last update was 2002. Regarding new business, at 101 Main Street, he welcomed Country Corner which will sell ribbons, crafts, etc. He also requested approval in two cases where water reduction rates were requested. He stated both met the criteria for the reduction.

Motion by Neal to allow the water rate reductions; second by Councilman Bryant.

Smith reported the Gov Deals auction brought in \$15,620.40. He stated the last vehicle was picked up earlier in the day; the winner of that auction was from North Carolina.

Bryant asked the selling price for the truck on auction. Rod Smith advised it sold for \$11,600. He also reported the office would be closed for MLK Holiday the following Monday. Smith announced the birthdays of Thompson and Kaspar in January.

Kaspar gave the second reading of Resolution #31-13 in name only, adopting the Morrow Comprehensive Plan. He also noted the establishment known as Wolfe's Market was under new ownership. Kaspar stated the business is now known as the Morrow Village Market and for the purpose of posting legislation, an Ordinance was required. Thompson posed a question regarding the Resolution; Kaspar responded.

Motion by Neal to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Ordinance #2-14; second by Councilman Poe. All yea. Motion by Neal to adopt Ordinance #2-14, approving and authorizing locations for the posting of Village legislation; second by Poe. All yea. Motion Carried.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Fiscal Officer Kathie Koehler advised OPWC paid \$102,252 for Welch Road reconstruction which required an increase in appropriation line item. Kaspar provided the reading for the Resolution.

Motion by Poe to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #2-14; second by Neal. All yea. Motion by Poe to adopt Resolution #2-14, approving adjustment in appropriation line items required; second by Neal. All yea. Motion Carried.

Koehler stated bank interest and principal for 153 East Pike Street debt service differed and required an increase in appropriation line item and decrease in interest by \$1,371.85. Kaspar gave the reading for the Resolution.

Motion by Erwin to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #3-14; second by Neal. All yea. Motion by Erwin to adopt Resolution #3-14, approving adjustment in appropriation line items by \$1,371.85; second by Councilman Bryant. All yea. Motion Carried.

Koehler requested an increase in the 2014 appropriation budget for a raise of 50 cents approved for hourly employees. Bryant asked for clarification. Isaacs-Niemesh recommended the agenda be provided 48 hours in advance. She expressed concern the information was not provided in advance for consideration and more specifics were not on the agenda. She stated she was in favor of a raise for specific hourly employees, but not for Smith because he recently received a raise. Thompson stated the request was for hourly employees. Discussion followed. Isaacs-Niemesh asked about the Clerk and salaried employees. Isaacs-Niemesh requested the item tabled. Erwin asked for another meeting, a Special Meeting, before the next Regular Session to discuss the matter.

Approval of Disbursements

Koehler provided revenue statistics, bank reconciliations and disbursements.

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

Public Forum

A resident complimented the *Christmas on Main Street* event. She stated it was a good time, commenting on the petting zoo. Terry Erwin stated the committee worked well and planned to continue those activities. Master Vandergrift questioned a power line down from the storm with caution tape. The Mayor stated they previously checked it and it wasn't live; he advised it had been reported to Duke Energy.

Bryant advised Vick's Bar was sold; he stated Ed Porginski was the owner. He was hoping the new owner would place a Laundromat at that location. The Mayor stated Porginski was receptive. Tim Erwin advised the gentleman built upscale homes and would do right by the business.

Mayor Mike Erwin stated a Certified Letter was received from Thompson regarding Village vehicles being taken home and referenced an attorney being contacted. He asked Kaspar to work with Thompson's attorney. The Mayor advised he wanted a change made in the personnel policy manual and stated the change would be in order. He gave an example of on-call status with Kilburn and Smith as examples as it relates to vehicle use. Isaac-s Niemesh asked for clarification regarding on-call. Thompson asked about contact with the insurance carrier. Isaacs-Niemesh commented on the police and stated she was okay with the police use. Neal commented the Administrator is on-call and attends meetings after hours and mornings. She stated he should have the use of a vehicle. The Mayor asked Thompson to state the policy. Discussion followed. Kilburn spoke about the policy and stated it wouldn't work if he had to commute to the Municipal Building for a vehicle.

Motion by Neal to approve use of Village vehicle by personnel on-call; second by Poe. Thompson wanted it defined to include on approval by insurance carrier. Kaspar commented. Bryant asked why there were not separate motions. Discussion followed. The Mayor stated there was a motion on the floor. Yeas by roll call, 4 with Kaspar requesting the Mayor's vote to break the tie; Nays 3, Bryant, Isaacs-Niemesh and Thompson. Motion carried.

Isaacs-Niemesh stated her main concern was taken care of with police having a vehicle on call; she advised she was not in favor of the Village Administrator's having the vehicle. She commented the ladies in the office state they do not know where Smith is during the day. She stated he should come to the office, get the vehicle and tell the ladies where he was going.

Poe discussed drainage issues, stating he wanted to take action. He also wished to talk to Pine Ridge and neighbors to the North for a solution. He asked for permission to do so. Thompson stated the issue fell under Public Works. Bryant advised he approved.

Adjournment

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

Kathie Koehler, Fiscal Officer

Mike Erwin, Mayor