

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.

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meetings. Motion by Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh to approve the minutes of the February 11th; second by Councilman Thompson. Minutes for the Special Session on February 18th were tabled.

The Mayor advised Councilwoman Neal was absent due to a funeral on that day.

Committee Reports

Public Works – Councilman Bryant stated the committee had two meetings and Thompson had minutes of the meetings. The Mayor stated he received the minutes that day and wished to wait until the Finance Committee met to discuss. Thompson stated a number of questions came up relating to finance. Discussion followed. Bryant reported a number of street lights were burning continuously and stop lights were badly faded.

Isaacs-Niemesh asked if committees were necessary by law or if it was just something we do. The Mayor stated the Ohio Revised Code allows for committees within Villages. Isaacs-Niemesh stated recent committee meetings did not net results because information was needed from other people; it would be better to meet as a group. Discussion followed.

Parks Committee – No Report

Finance Committee – Mayor Erwin stated the Finance Committee meeting was scheduled the following Tuesday.

Mayor Erwin explained Village Administrator Smith’s absence and referred to his report requesting water bill adjustments. He advised Warren County approved the sewer adjustment in all three cases. Adjustments were requested for 204 West Pike Street for \$377.04, 103 Welch Road for \$417.62 and 301 Welch Road for \$40.51. Bryant inquired as to how often adjustments were granted. The Mayor read the excerpt from the Ordinance stating one every six months.

Motion by Bryant to approve the requested water adjustments; second by Councilman Erwin. All yea.

Police Chief Kilburn referred to pages 5 and 6 of the Village Administrator’s report which cited accomplishments of the department. The Mayor complimented him on the tremendous job, major heroine busts. Kilburn thanked the Police Sergeant for his work. Discussion followed. The Chief added the three computers purchased were installed in the cruisers.

Thompson referred to a prior Special Session of Council called to discuss personnel issues; he referred to a matter discussed at that meeting. He stated the Mayor brought up an issue regarding stalking of his children. Thompson stated it shouldn’t have been brought up in that meeting. Discussion followed.

Isaacs-Niemesh advised she contacted Kroger’s corporate office regarding Schuerer Trust Fund Vouchers/Certificates; the local Maineville office was not able to accommodate the Village’s

request. She reported the corporate office will sell certificates with stickers indicating no alcohol or tobacco; the corporate office would send them to Maineville after purchase. Isaacs-Niemesh recommended returning to Krogers and purchasing as many as ten certificates; she stated the certificates do not expire. She asked if the Trust Fund was only for food. The Mayor replied no. The Councilwoman also reported garbage, etc. needed to be cleaned up behind Family Dollar; the dumpster was overflowing. She stated she gave the information to Administrator Smith who stated he would handle it. The Chief of Police advised he took pictures of it as well as the mattresses by the playground and gave them to the Administrator. Kilburn stated Smith was working on it.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Mayor Erwin asked Solicitor Kaspar if the vendor for the Trust Fund certificates could be changed without a Resolution. Kaspar wanted an opportunity to review terms of the Trust Fund agreement. Discussion followed. Councilman Poe asked if a vote could be taken; Kaspar advised against it at that time due to possible clauses that may exist in the Trust.

Public Forum

Jeff Ryan stated he and his wife are opening a Vendor Mall in the former Vic's Tavern and the old Bowling Building. He stated they were working and hoped to open the first Saturday of April. He advised they were doing everything out of pocket; he stated he was also looking into bike rentals and checking on that insurance. Ryan stated he spent 20 years in the Sheriff's office and this was his new endeavor. The Mayor complimented him, stating it was exciting. Chief Kilburn added Mr. Ryan was top notch; everything was always in order and his word was good.

Gary Nelson advised the VFW building would be sold. He stated the VFW wanted to offer it to the Village for sale. He advised it was listed with a realtor for \$110,000, but is currently reduced to \$90,000 without a realtor if the Village wished to make an offer. Nelson suggested it might be used for Mayor's Court. He stated the local VFW may be required to give the building back to the State VFW if they are unable to sell it. They want the building to remain in the community's hands. Nelson stated Councilwoman Neal is Commander of the VFW and recluses herself from the negotiation. Nelson stated he or Jerry Robinson may be contacted.

Mr. Ducker asked when the construction would start on Highlawn. The Mayor responded as soon as the blacktop is available, about two weeks.

Thompson asked about the licensing for the Vendor's Market. Bryant advised a vendor's license is issued from Lebanon. The Mayor stated nothing in the way of a license is needed from Morrow. Ryan stated they are incorporated and have a vendor's license; the market will operate much like a consignment business.

Approval of Disbursements

Koehler provided revenue statistics, bank reconciliations and a list of disbursements paid. She advised she participated in training in Columbus that is required annually.

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

Adjournment

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