

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 the Mayor. The following members were present.

Judy Neal – P	Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P
York Bryant – P	John Poe – P
Terry Erwin – P	William Thompson – 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 July 8th Regular Session and July 15,17 and 22, 2014 Special Sessions; second by Councilman Erwin. Five yea, one nay with dissent by Councilman Thompson. Motion carried.

Bob Blankenship / Veterans Memorial

Blankenship discussed the proposed building of the Veterans Memorial next to Bishop Park. He provided a model to scale and stated for Phase I, the plan is American Flag in the middle with a POW flag around it. The flagpole would be done by the Village. For Phase II, 6X6 square paver bricks would be presold for possibly \$30 each and installed to be followed by a concrete path with 14 4X4 posts with slanted tops, and temporary flag holders. Blankenship advised the cost for Phase I was minimal; labor would be provided by Village and volunteers. The first set of pavers would be 162 bricks and his father would do the square for the 162 bricks in a section. Phase III would be a stone with Veterans Memorial Park on it. Gary Nelson asked if the bricks would be placed when payment was made. Blankenship responded to questions providing information needed to purchase a brick which would include rank and the war. Ducker asked a question about the gravel. Neal responded to his question. Neal advised as donations are received, wood can be replaced with other material, stating the current budget was low. The flag is being donated. Thompson asked if the medallion will stay in place. Neal responded affirmatively. A question was raised about lighting the American Flag. Blankenship responded. The question was asked as to whether there would be a marker to separate veterans Park from Bishop Park. Neal replied yes and advised the VFW is tax exempt and checks could be written to the VFW for this endeavor.

Neal thanked the Bishop family for their presence and agreeing to share the area around Bishop Park. Discussion followed. A question was raised by Tomas de Ryan Heredia regarding ADA access. LuAnne Cain posed a question regarding scrap and stone; she stated she would make inquiries to determine if available. Blankenship gave dollar estimates for Phase I components and advised \$7,000 was donated for flags. The Mayor stated he would like to see the cooperative effort and donations to compliment Bishop Park and the Veterans Memorial Park. Discussion followed.

Solicitor Kaspar read the requested Ordinance dedicating parcel ID#17122020080 for specific use as Veterans Memorial Park and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Neal to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Ordinance #3-14; second by Councilman Bryant. All yea. Thompson raised a question on the Ordinance, stating it is already a park. Village Administrator Smith responded it was a vacant lot; the address was 156. Motion by Neal to adopt Ordinance #3-14, dedicating the Parcel for use as Veterans Memorial Park; second by Bryant. All yea. Motion carried.

Reports / Legislation from Village Officials

Village Administrator Smith referred Council to his monthly report provided. He discussed the Zoning Report and the Warren County Zoning Code rewrite, citing the web

address, www.co.warren.oh.us/zoningmorrow. He stated a meeting was planned for late August. Smith advised the information would also be available in the Morrow e-News. He reported on the complaint received on the agricultural fertilizer with a noxious odor and several agencies have been contacted. He advised it was treated human waste from Mason Waste Water Treatment Plant and is common practice. There was a problem with the silo and it was delivered to a local farmer upon his request. EPA advised it doesn't pose a threat. Bryant commented about the color and odor. Isaacs-Niemesh stated she spoke with Robert Beyer and others in Mason who provided a tour and she learned it was EQ Class A bio solid, organic and pathogenic materials removed; it has a pungent odor. She advised she also spoke with Zoning Inspector Jesse McKeehan who suggested we utilize our Ordinance which she cited. Isaacs-Niemesh stated there are 55 tons, seven piles that aren't spread. If the owner spreads soon, okay; but if not, something must be done. Dave Ducker stated it's bad at Dr. Chatfield's office. Neal asked if anything that could be done if it is outside the Village limits. Discussion followed. The Administrator stated storing on impervious surface is permitted; part of the property is in Morrow. Rod Smith stated he would check with the farmers and talk with Jesse McKeehan and approach from a Zoning standpoint. Bryant stated the property is leased for crops.

The Village Administrator noted from his report the Little Miami Panther Youth Football and Cheer Association winners from the July 26th competition at Thornton Park. Among the winners was a 14 year old from Hamilton Township, Austin Wilmot, 308' and an 11 year old with 225'. Smith noted other Parks and Recreation activities, Movie in the Park on August 23rd, Catfish Fishing Tournament on September 13th, the Art Fair on September 27th and Christmas on Main planned for November 29, 2014. He referenced the article in August 5th *Pulse* on the 2nd Annual Punt, Pass & Kick competition.

The Village Administrator advised the Mayor's Court Report was provided as an attachment to his report. He thanked the Police officers for all their efforts to make the *National Night Out Against Crime* a successful event and the Morrow Masonic Lodge for donating 265 hot dogs. He also reported on the street sweeping 7-30, 7-31, all alleys and streets which prevents flooding problems. Administrator Rod Smith discussed the shoring up of Plant #2 at the Water Plant; he stated following that, the filter may be installed, hopefully within 1 to 1 ½ weeks. Smith also discussed the need for legislation authorizing property assessments for past due water, sewer and trash bills, as well as the recoupment of costs associated with property maintenance work performed by Village staff. According to a spread sheet from Warren County, thirteen properties are sold or delinquent more than sixty days. He advised he must present a copy of this legislation along with a list of properties to be assessed and the appropriate amounts to Warren County Auditor's Office by the second Monday in September, September 8, 2014. He stated there were maintenance fees for mowing weeds on one property that were 3' tall.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Kaspar read the proposed Ordinance, assessing cost for property maintenance.

Motion by Erwin to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Ordinance #4-14; second by Councilman Poe. All yea. Motion by Erwin to adopt Ordinance #4-14, approving assessment of property tax for costs for property maintenance and past due water and garbage fees; second by Poe. All yea. Motion carried.

Standard Bank Reconciliation Reports, Revenue Status by Fund Summary and disbursements were provided. Fiscal Officer Kathie Koehler requested a resolution for adjustments related to increase in Jail Service expense and miscellaneous appropriations. Isaacs-Niemesh inquired about the Jail services; Koehler provided amounts. Thompson asked if it was for incarceration at the jail. Koehler responded.

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Motion by Neal to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #12-14; second by Erwin. All yea. Motion by Neal to adopt Resolution #12-14, approving adjustments in appropriations; second by Erwin. All yea. Motion carried.

Public Forum

Gary Nelson discussed two incidents. He stated there was a concern regarding the catch basin on his property and the neighbors which went unanswered for three years; the Village Administrator Rod Smith found the answer in one day. Nelson stated the sign on Highlawn is 15 MPH; there was an accident. The next day Smith had the trees trimmed and the sign could easily be seen. He suggested the limit be changed to 35 MPH because it wasn't observed. The Mayor asked Smith to see that Welch, Houston and Highlawn were patrolled.

Mrs. Ducker advised the corner of Welch and Highlawn were pitch black at night. The Mayor stated they would work on it. Beverly Massey asked about a yard sale. The Mayor advised Mrs. Rail worked on it before. Mrs. Rayl stated this year was the biggest; it would take 2 to 3 years to get the crowd. The Chamber of Commerce started it; she stated she would bring it up at the Board Meeting on Thursday. Thompson stated it should be a specific day. Sherwood Elliott discussed the Woodlands storm drains. He advised the developer and a gentleman showed up with a pick. He stated one drain is eating up the pavement. Bryant stated we have a Bond. Elliott stated he made the Mayor aware over a year ago; they are trying now to sell chunks of land rather than plots. The Mayor stated they are doing things different from the agreement. Smith suggested the Solicitor look in to it. The Mayor discussed the value of the Bond. Elliott stated they are advertising a swimming pool and club house which don't exist.

Adjournment

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

Kathie Koehler, Fiscal Officer

Mike Erwin, Mayor