

Regular Session of Village Council

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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 – A	John Poe – P
Terry Erwin – P (6:55pm)	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 September 9, 2014 Regular Session; second by Councilman Bryant. Four yea, one nay. Motion carried. Dissenting statement made by Councilman Thompson.

Tony Niemesh / Little Miami School District & Perry Powell / Local Farmer

Tony Niemesh, stated when elected to the Little Miami School Board, he was asked to serve as the liaison to Village Council. Niemesh asked that Council help him remedy a problem which exists with a pile stored on property in the west end of the Village on the Jergesen property. He discussed the fertilizer odor surrounding the school and businesses where the pile is stored. He advised the gentleman who farms the property was initially agreeable to a solution, but the condition still exists. He raised the following concern regarding the school. He advised the school is required to draw outside air to circulate through the buildings; the odor is easily mistaken for natural gas and has caused parent complaints at outside activities. The odor in the classroom at one point was mistaken for natural gas; school was disrupted due to the mistaken leak. Mr. Niemesh asked Council to develop an Ordinance to require farmers to till this material in and turn the soil over immediately to avoid this issue in the future and to work with Salem and Hamilton Township because the school district has buildings in each of these areas. Perry and Mrs. Powell distributed information from EPA on Biosolids. He provided information on the nature of his business over the years. stated he did not have complaints previously and advised he was not trying to disturb anyone. He added he did not feel the material was a nuisance.

Mayor Erwin provided facts surrounding the current problem and stated the normal time was later in previous years but with the breach in the silo, the product had to be moved to repair the silo. Mr. Perry advised he normally gets it in the Fall over the past seven years. The Mayor stated you normally get it in a different form and it is spread right away. Discussion concerning the odor continued. Mr. Powell stated he can't tarp it but after research he learned lime may cut the smell down; if he can get crops, the odor will be gone. He and Mrs. Powell stated the Lime would have been spread today if it hadn't rained. The Mayor asked Council to comment. Neal stated we do not need to legislate a temporary problem. Discussion followed. Powell responded. Mrs. Powell stated it was good for gardens. Thompson asked when he received it. Powell responded July 25th and stated it was an unusual situation. Isaacs-Niemesh advised businesses have complained and we have kept our windows closed; normally, the smell lasts only 2 weeks. She stated her biggest concern was the school and she would like to see an Ordinance. She received a letter from the Superintendent. On October 13, the smell was awful. The smell has not dissipated. Isaacs-Niemesh noted four kids were playing on the pile with Cheetos in hand; she stated she spoke with the kids; she was concerned. Mrs. Powell stated she would add the lime. Mr. Powell advised he farms 220 acres; only 2% of Americans are farmers. Discussion followed. Mrs. Powell stated we are easy to work with. The couple apologized. The Mayor asked for further comment. Powell apologized. Poe asked when the lime would be applied; the response was the next day if it wasn't raining.

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Trustee Ralph Blanton / Salem Township Fire Department

Ralph Blanton, Salem Township Trustee discussed the 6.5 mil, 5 year Fire Department Fire Levy on the November ballot. He advised Salem's Fund does not go into the Fire Department; Salem Township runs on two continuous levies. He provided historical information and stated previously the department could not get enough volunteers. Assistant Fire Chief William Ayers added, in 1996, the department started a part-time program. Blanton advised in 2007, a continuous levy was passed to build the current building and provide some funds for future manpower. We are asking for a 25 year Bond rather than 20 years he stated and advised the Fire Department is having trouble keeping staff. Blanton advised the Fire Department was down to 6 volunteers; they need paid staff. They now have 5 paid full-time with benefits and a few paid part time employees. Blanton advised it takes 160 hours for EMT training. He added the equipment was dated; we have a maintenance issue. He stated the cost is \$2600 per set per man; the air mask is \$4300. The \$35,000 defibrillator is about 2 years old and won't be supported. Thompson asked a question regarding serviceability. Blanton explained the equipment isn't supported anymore and the department cannot get them repaired. Blanton advised we are asking for 6.5 mil for 5 years. A Safer Grant comes from the Federal government pays for three full time firemen for three years if the employees are kept for two more years. This poses a problem; Blanton advised it would cost the owner of a \$100,000 valued home approximately \$227.00; the trustees will re-evaluate the budget after five years if the levy is approved.

Neal asked if all thirty suits were replaced at once or staggered. Blanton responded staggered. Ayers explained in 2005, with a grant from the Federal government, thirty sets of gear were purchased; we have been trying to replace two sets per year. Body sizes must be comparable to equip new hire in existing gear. Blanton advised they were doing all they can to keep the budget down; per Federal government, suits are not good after ten years. The suits are tested. He advised the department's ISO rating dropped again this year and the home owner's fire insurance expense is lower as a result. Ayers expounded on the components of the ISO rating and training. Blanton advised the Fire Department would continue to do the best we can with what they have.

Shawn Campbell / Jones Warner Engineering

Campbell reported he was continuing to work on Plant 2. The high service pump will be back up tomorrow afternoon. He stated a new starter was installed and we will need to bypass the controls with the starter. We received bids for the extension for the emergency connection with Western Water; it was lower by more than \$7,500. Niemesh asked how much the bid was. Campbell stated \$20,470. He advised Western Water had their master meter delivered last week, but he did not know the status on the vault. Campbell stated he would speak to Mr. Kirk later this week. As soon as our Permit to Install (PTI) from EPA is received, we will proceed with our portion of the emergency connection only which goes up to the right-of-way where western Water has an easement. The Mayor advised the PTI was for an emergency connection only. Campbell concurred and noted additional work was necessary for a permanent connection which requires two entrance points. Thompson asked for verification regarding the Village supplying plumbing for the emergency water connection and Western Water supplying the vault. Campbell concurred and reiterated Western Water provides vault and meter and Morrow supplies plumbing from end of Morrow's line straight down to the right-of-way for Western Water.

David Walling/Deputy Sanitary Engineer Warren County Water & Sewer Department

Walling provided a proposal packet to Council, *Wholesale Water Supply*. He read the Mission Statement and discussed bulk water sales. He stated the County Water Department has shown improvement in providing quality water services for over 25 years. He provided an aerial photo of the RARWTP in Hamilton Township, also known as Richard Renaker well field which was upgraded in 2009 and the additional Franklin Deerfield North in Carlisle. He stated capacity was 9 Million gallons. He noted the equipment was above flood plain and back-up power generation bolstered 24/7 production capabilities. Walling illustrated the Filter Gallery and gravity filter and pointed out similarity to Morrow's. He advised in order to deliver water to Morrow, a water line would need to be installed which

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would be a challenge, 12,000' of 10" pipe. An example of financing was given with bulk rates. Walling discussed metered bulk flow versus billed consumption, providing a schematic with potential revenue remaining to run water utility of \$116,000 a year. A list of Capital expenditures not required if the wholesale water option was chosen was also provided. Discussion followed regarding current water loss. The Mayor advised water is leaking right into the aquifer. Chris Brausch, Sanitary Engineer for Warren County Water, advised he saw a 30% loss showing at points. He stated Morrow may need to purchase 200,000 gallons of water. Brausch commented on specifics of wholesale water supply.

Mayor Erwin discussed revenue generating opportunity. He advised the Village has weakness in costs billed over time. He advised by 2030 water would be in short supply; there is a huge push on regionalization. He stated Morrow would always be in the water business. The Mayor stated Warren County has been good to Morrow. Brausch advised we are always negotiating with EPA; they are becoming more and more detailed. He stated the Village must decide production or not; constructing a treatment plant is expensive. Mayor Erwin commented on Morrow's desire to stay in the water business. Isaacs-Niemesh asked how much the County would receive if the Village gets \$116,000. Discussion followed. Walling discussed treatment costs, plant costs which were more complex and the Richard Renaker well field; he broke down the cost to cents per thousand. He advised the County has a cost to produce and \$14 Million to recover capital cost for construction. He discussed the \$3.55 customer rate for water. The Mayor asked for detail cost to compare current costs and projected costs. Isaacs-Niemesh asked how long the Village would get the quoted rate of \$1.88. Walling responded. Discussion followed. Brausch stated starting in 2016, Warren County would need to discuss rate increases which normally are less than 2% per year.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Fiscal Officer Kathie Koehler referred to the listing provided to Council of appropriation adjustments needed. She reviewed the line items and noted the necessary changes. Koehler also stated the light bar on Chief Kilburn's vehicle broke that evening and a generator for the booster station was needed. She gave the corrections to the listed amounts to include the \$8,000 reduction in Water Fund for engineering and \$1600 additional for line 1000-110-430. Isaacs-Niemesh asked when the generator was purchased. The Mayor advised the County gave it to the Village about eight years ago; it needed to be mounted and a fuel tank installed. Koehler stated new transmission in the M05 was \$2,000. Koehler advised there would be a little carryover at the end of the year. She provided Schuerer Trust Fund applications for review. Kaspar read the proposed Resolution.

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

Public Forum

Bev Massey asked the status of the *No Parking* signs on Highlawn. Village Administrator Rod Smith advised the signs were on order. Massey asked if there would be any signs on Welch. The Mayor stated Smith would check and a decision would be made. Discussion followed.

Reports / Legislation from Village Officials

Village Administrator Smith referred Council to his monthly report. He referred to the previous month's inquiry on Building Inspection issues and the need to bring them in house. Smith advised he located a firm and was awaiting a proposal. A listing was requested of services the Village would want to keep. Funds would come to the Village; the company provides building inspections, property maintenance inspections and zoning, etc. He advised the Zoning Inspector's Report for September was also included in his report. He stated the Memorial was moving along. He asked how many paver orders were received to date. Neal responded 120. He noted Mike Hanna from Public Works Department and Police Chief Kilburn worked tirelessly and with precision on the project. Smith thanked

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donors for the Memorial Park, Carl Oeder & Sons Sand & Gravel for aggregate, Daniel Browning of Riverside Stock Farm for topsoil and Warren County Veterans Services Commission for flag poles, flags, grave markers and pavers. Smith stated a sign was coming very soon for Bishop Park and the Veterans Memorial.

Smith reported Landrum completed Narcotics Association Regional Coordinating Officers Training in Columbus and as a result he was responsible for another drug bust this evening. He stated the Parks & Recreation Board has another activity for 2014, Christmas on Main on November 29th. The Administrator stated the transmission was recently replaced in the Auxiliary Police cruiser and a light bar was needed for the Chief's vehicle. We have two coats of slurry seal to be applied on Prospect Avenue. The Village cost for the project is \$4,500; Warren County Engineer's Department through CVT funds paid \$7,500.

Smith requested a water reduction for a retiree on Pamela Drive who received a bill for \$169.12. The adjustment requested was \$96.06, resulting in a bill of \$73.06. Thompson stated in that case, the sewer bill goes up also; if Morrow approves, the County will reduce the sewer expense. Council agreed to approve the water reduction. All yea.

The Administrator reported the 2014 Police Department Report was included in his written report and the Mayor's Court Report. Smith provided Special Dates, Birthday of Mayors Court Clerk and Tax Administrator Cindy Wilmot on October 21st, Employment Anniversary for Fiscal Officer Kathie Koehler on October 23rd, Halloween on October 31st and Veterans Day on November 11th. Smith advised the November meeting date needed to be rescheduled due to Veteran's Day. The consensus was Monday, November 10 for the Regular Session of Council.

Approval of Disbursements

Koehler provided revenue statistics, bank reconciliations and disbursements.

Council approved the Schuerer Trust Fund applications. All yea

Motion by Neal to pay the bills; second by Erwin. All yea.

Executive Session

Motion by Neal to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues at 7:22pm; second by Poe. All yea. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to return to Regular Session; second by Neal. All yea.

Adjournment

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

Kathie Koehler, Fiscal Officer

Mike Erwin, Mayor