

Regular Session of Village Council

July 14, 2015

Call to Order

The Regular Session of Council was called to order by Vice Mayor York Bryant. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Roll Call was completed by the Clerk of Council. The following members were present.

York Bryant – P

Judy Neal – P

Terry Erwin – P

John Poe – P

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P

William Thompson – P

Councilman Thompson requested a vote on the 2016 Tax Budget. Solicitor Kaspar provided the reading for the Resolution.

Motion by Councilwoman Neal to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #8-15, declaring an emergency; second by Councilman Erwin. All yea by roll call. Motion by Neal to adopt Resolution #8-15, approving the 2016 Tax Budget; second by Erwin. All yea by roll call.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of previous meetings. Motion by Neal to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2015 Special Session and June 9, 2015 Regular Session with one correction noted; second by Erwin. Five yea by roll call, one abstention by Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh.

Fiscal Officer Nichole Knell referred Council to the *Benefit Comparison*, selected handouts and data provided within their packets and highlighted the provider offerings and various carriers.

Ken Kavensky / Senior Account Manager ClaimLinx Health Care Administration

Kavensky stated his company compartmentalizes everything for lower rates. He stated Humana would be the plan policy. He gave an example of co-pays and payment for the Village. He stated the national average is 72%. Liability for the individual and for town protects both individual and town. He stated they managed prescriptions and doctor visits. Two cards, ClaimLinx and Humana, would be issued showing copays. The Village is billed every two weeks. If you hit deductibles, all copays go away unlike group insurance. He stated his company's approach was different. Neal questioned the \$10,000 deductible. He explained imbedded deductible is double, rather than aggregate; amount is per family. He advised copays go toward the deductibles. He discussed copays for office visits and prescriptions. Fiscal Officer Nichole Knell stated the \$3,000 comes into play; you have an 80/20 deductible until you hit \$5,000. Erwin posed a question regarding deduction from paycheck. Knell responded costs should drop. Kavensky stated a company called Co-Patient is used for large claims, no monthly fees. Knell explained.

Kavensky advised the employee is covered with \$25,000 in life insurance and the spouse \$10,000. He...size of town; Morrow did not have a lot of issues. Isaacs-Niemesh asked for further explanation regarding calculation for the Village. Kavensky clarified. Knell responded to a question from Neal, adding some companies she researched wanted \$750.00 when you visit the ER. Erwin asked about comparisons made. Knell responded. Erwin commented the copays are reasonably priced. Knell gave examples and research options. Kavensky compared group insurance; he stated ClaimLinx could change scheduled benefits and honor certain things. He discussed expected rate increases and advised Humana did not apply for a rate increase. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Poe asked if a referral for a specialist was needed from a primary care physician. Kavensky responded no. Kavensky provided business cards to Council members and administration. He advised he would talk with couples before the plan starts. Thompson

Regular Session of Village Council

July 14, 2015

requested a contract to vote on. Kavensky stated he would provide a 1954 Tax Law Section 105 document.

Reports / Legislation from Village Officials

Village Administrator Smith's written report was provided to Council; the Morrow Mayor's Court Report and Bank Reconciliation were included in the report.

Neal advised she would like to move the Council meetings to 7pm. Chief Heath Kilburn questioned the time due to a scheduling conflict.

Motion by Neal to change the meeting time monthly to 7pm; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. Thompson called for a point of order regarding proper notice to the public. Solicitor Kaspar responded. All yea.

Kaspar responded to an issue raised by Councilman Thompson regarding passage of legislation and stated strict compliance was required. He read provisions *A*, mandated action required and *B*, action not required as contrast for comparison from ORC #731.17. Regarding the 3rd Reading of Ordinance #8-15 on June 9, 2015, Kaspar advised he interpreted the legislation did not pass and asked Council to reconvene on the matter.

Motion by Thompson to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Ordinance #12-15 to raise water rate to \$5.90 for 1000 gallons; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. Discussion followed. Three yea by roll call, two nay by Erwin and Neal. Kaspar stated the results are the same. Motion failed. Discussion followed on the need to have the majority vote at a third reading of the legislation.

Erwin requested comments from the public. Citizen comments included one request for Council members to meet in the middle, two additional affirmative pleas for a rate increase, one to help with Village infrastructure and a statement regarding lime is the pipes. Citizens stated they want water. Discussion followed concerning actual costs to citizens. Poe stated we will need to come back for another increase in the future.

Motion by Poe to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Ordinance #12-15; second by Erwin. Motion by Poe to adopt Ordinance #12-15, approving water rate increase to \$6.00 for 1000 gallons and bulk water rate to \$3.75 for 500 gallons; second by Erwin. All yea by roll call.

Kaspar provided a second reading only of Resolution #7-15.

The Fiscal Officer referred to written reports provided, Revenue Status by Fund Summary, Bank Reconciliation and Disbursements and explained appropriation adjustments and increases of \$12,727 needed to include a large tax refund to an individual. Thompson asked a question on annexation billing, requesting more detail. Knell commented and provided an invoice for Council to review. Discussion followed. Kaspar referred to the Agenda and attachment regarding the annexation. Knell also advised the traffic light at Mill Street was burned out and the total would be \$3,000. Kaspar provided the reading for the requested Resolution. Isaacs-Niemesh asked how much was paid so far for the annexation. Knell stated she would need to provide a report. Bryant stated if we owe it, we must pay it.

Motion by Erwin to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #9-15; second by Neal. Motion by Erwin to adopt Resolution #9-15, approving miscellaneous adjustments in appropriations; second by Neal. Four yea by roll call, one nay. Motion carried.

Neal asked Knell to verify we won't have any additional bills for the annexation. Knell added the copier lease would expire in January and she was in the process of getting a better rate and copier. She stated she would update later. Kaspar explained the attached Ordinance provided to Council. He asked that Council take the time to review the legislation before the next meeting; it would require approval at the next Council Meeting.

Regular Session of Village Council

July 14, 2015

Public Forum

Wanda Norris, a local business owner, stated she was being charged an extra \$20 for her dumpster. She stated with her business not operating on Thursdays, she reduced her pick-ups to one a month. She stated she is being charged more than other citizens. Knell responded to her question and promised to follow up. Bryant stated he would speak to the staff member who handles the water and dumpsters here at the Village office and get back in touch with her. Poe asked whether she used a 4 yard dumpster versus totters. Poe advised he had a 6 yard dumpster which he believed cost \$90 each month. Discussion followed. Norris also expressed concern about parking lost in that section of the road during rehab. Bev Massey stated she spoke with the Village office and was advised she paid for garbage because everyone who uses water in the Village pays for garbage.

Dave Ducker inquired if the Schuerer Trust Fund was approved for use at Krogers. Knell responded affirmatively. Tomas de Ryan Heredia advised there was no signage yet but Chubby's was open for business. Bryant added on August 1st, Vic's old location would open. Massey inquired if parking was going to be opened for the public for the businesses in that area near the Bike Trail. Bryant advised it was public parking. Massey stated Chubby's is very busy. Neal advised August 4th is the Annual Policeman's Night Out. She encouraged everyone to come out and bring their families. Bryant stated we need another street employee; he stated limbs are hanging over the walkway at the hill. A resident advised Duke Energy was currently trying to trim trees near the school. Discussion followed.

Adjournment

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

Nichole Knell, Fiscal Officer

Mike Erwin, Mayor