

Regular Session of Village Council

February 9, 2016

Call to Order

The Regular Session of Council was called to order by 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.

Kiley Dane – P

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P

Judy Neal – P

John Poe – A

Benjamin Steiner – P

William Thompson – P

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of previous meeting. Motion by Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 Regular Session and the January 4, 2016 Special Session; second by Councilwoman Neal. All yeas by roll call.

William Harrison / Salem Township Morrow Fire Chief

Chief Harrison reported for 2015, 954 runs, 303 Fires, and 641 EMS responses; in December, 87 runs were completed and Wednesday was the busiest day. He stated the department responded to a recent structure fire, water rescue and search; they were also called to Callan Lake for ice rescue. He reported, in 2016, one employee on light duty is doing Fire Inspections; the department started early this year and are 60% complete to date for fire safety. The Chief entertained questions. Bruce Miller asked about the Levy. Harrison responded the Fire Department is running on minimum manpower, recently bringing on 5 volunteers and trying to suffice without the Levy.

Shawn Campbell / Jones Warner Engineering

Shawn Campbell introduced Dick Warner, co-founder of Jones Warner. He reported he met with the Mayor and Vice Mayor to advise them of the status of the Water Plant Project. He stated he was asked to present to the full Council and would update as often as needed. He advised the firm was working on the Miller Blackhawk Road reconstruction which encompasses a new Todd's Fork section. Campbell stated two grants are out and he would continue to locate funding. He stated there may be State funding for sidewalks/crossings in the next few months through Public Safety. CDBG funding is to upgrade wellfields; he advised they were previously told there was no issue and did not incorporate it into the plant upgrade. He felt well screening and casings, etc. would cost approximately \$23,000 to be cleaned and inspected. The County was asked if CDBG dollars could be used; the County allowed the funds to be used on Well #1. The Village entered into agreement and Well #1 is back on line. He added the well shaft inside the casing should be nickel to quarter size; they were down to pencil thin and the pump motor was operating below efficiency. The County agreed to a change order of \$7,000. He reported at Plant #2 the same costs are expected; there will be about \$19,000 left once Well #2 is completed from County funds. Campbell advised a meeting was scheduled on February 10, 2016 to access Well #2.

Campbell continued his report, stating the water rehab plan is on track. Funding was approved for \$1million, 0 interest loan plus \$1.1 million and a partial grant of \$500,000 from OPW. Grant funds will be available July 1, 2016. Environmental Protection Agency's preliminary report states because of the close proximity of the wells, no restroom is allowed in the plant because of regulation. Two chemical test results are needed. Campbell advised the issue of concern is, based on the size of the plant and gallons of water per day, EPA has requested a third water source. He advised they are looking into it. EPA indicated a third well may be allowed behind the shed. Dick Warner responded to a question from Bruce Miller. He stated there is no electrical power to the third well and a new power line will cost \$100,000 because of the distance. Dick Warner stated the third well was a test well put in many years ago. Discussion followed. Campbell advised Western Water is now the third source. Dave Ducker asked if there was a scheduled inspection yearly. Campbell

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responded. He advised sand filters/media should be changed every seven years; the Village's was twenty years old. He reiterated information from EPA's previous letter to have Morrow hook into another source. Mayor Bryant commented. Campbell stated he has responded to questions in the past from Council members. Councilman Thompson asked about the letter from EPA; Neal asked about the three sources of water requirement. Campbell explained. Thompson stated when our levels drop, we get water from Western Water. Campbell reported \$4,000 was billed by Western Water when Well #1 was down. Discussion followed. Campbell advised one well could not keep up with the demand. Councilman Poe advised there was a fire during that time that drew a lot of water. Dick Warner explained further. Bev Massey asked with new development are we connected around the school. Discussion followed regarding the termination point of the Western Water connection.

Mayor Bryant recommended Barbara Thompson to fill a vacancy of an unexpired term on the Tree Board through December 31, 2016 created by a resignation.

Motion by Thompson; second by Neal. All yea by roll call.

Reports / Legislation from Village Officials

Neal reported the Historical Society has received offers for cotes where they may relocate. She also discussed the Bike Trail and stated she spoke with the consultant for the Bike Trail who shared information regarding grants and landowners willing to relocate. Neal asked the matter be tabled until the following month when the consultant was available to attend the Council meeting.

Isaacs-Niemesh reported she was approached by students requesting a water fountain at Veterans Park. The Mayor advised it was County property and they should be contacted.

Solicitor Kaspar reported on a default judgement in Almond vs Mako. He advised he will apply for fees back to the Village of Morrow.

The Mayor advised Police Chief Kilburn was the first person out that morning at 4pm to spread salt and complimented his efforts.

Fiscal Officer Nichole Knell presented three possible budgets via projector. The most feasible was a negative \$8,800 with three month's salary for the Administrator included, 75% from the General Fund and 25% from the Water Fund. The second budget proposed did not include an expenditure for the Administrator's salary and was \$5,500 under budget. The third budget option did not include overtime but the Administrator's salary was included for several months. This budget was a negative \$1,859.59. Discussion followed. Kaspar, based on his preliminary research, did not suggest *comp time* for policy. He recommended paying overtime. Discussion followed.

Knell showed the grant receipts for the Water Improvement Project as line items and how funds were applied, stating a \$21,600 was left. Dave Ducker inquired if she budgeted for a Maintenance Worker Class II. Knell reported it was included for 6 months in 2016 plus insurance for a family. Bruce Miller stated a second street person was not needed. Discussion followed.

Mayor Bryant requested the amount of the Flood Insurance for the Public Works building at 153 East Pike Street. Knell responded \$2,200 annually. Discussion followed. The Fiscal Officer advised the final Appropriations Budget needed to be approved. Poe recommended Option 1 and provided his reasoning.

Motion by Poe to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #4-16; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All yea. Motion by Poe to approve Resolution #4-16, adopting the 2016 Appropriations Budget; second by Neal. All yea by roll call. Poe complimented the Fiscal Officer on a job well done.

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Two Schuerer Trust Fund Applications were distributed to Council for review. The applications were previously approved by individual Council members.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to approve Schuerer Trust Fund applications; second by Neal. All yea by roll call.

Knell presented three water adjustment requests to Council for review. One met requirements based on the legislation and two did not. Discussion followed.

Motion by Neal to allow reduction in water rates for water customer meeting requirements only for 103,900 gallons of water with \$282 water credit and \$62.34 penalty removed. second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All yea by roll call.

Kaspar requested an Ordinance as emergency legislation for the American Legal Publisher edition of the Ohio Basic Code annually approved as passed by the General Assembly.

Motion by Neal to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Ordinance #1-16; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All yea by roll call. Motion by Neal to approve Ordinance #1-16, approving and adopting 2016 Ohio Basic Code; second by Thompson. All yea by roll call.

Reports were provided to Council to include Mayor's Court Report and Bank Reconciliation, Village Fiscal Revenue Status by Fund Summary, Bank Reconciliation and Disbursements.

Public Forum

Bruce Miller asked what charges were brought against the Village Administrator. Bryant deferred to the Solicitor. Kaspar read cited items, working from home and not attending Council meetings. He stated the Administrator resigned. Miller asked if it had to do with theft in office. Kaspar responded no. Miller stated Josh Mandell started an Ohio on-line checkbook and asked if Knell looked into it. She responded a meeting was scheduled for 2/11/16 regarding same. Mr. Miller stated Village minutes were outdated on line back to July. Knell responded.

Motion by Thompson to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues at 8:14pm; second by Neal. All yea by roll call.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to return to Regular Session at 8:24pm; second by Councilman Steiner. All yea by roll call.

Mayor Erwin requested Council delay hiring an Administrator and the staff respond to requests to save money; he requested the Police Chief secure a light to be placed on top of the Village truck and a logo.

Adjournment

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

Nichole Knell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor