

Regular Session of Village Council

May 10, 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 – P

Benjamin Steiner – P

William Thompson – P

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of previous meetings. Motion by Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 Regular Session and the April 26, 2016 Special Session; second by Councilwoman Neal. All yeas by roll call.

Printed reports provided to Council included Mayor's Court Report and Bank Reconciliation, Village Fiscal Revenue Status by Fund Summary, Bank Reconciliation and Disbursements.

Mayor Bryant advised comments would be limited to three minutes during the Public Forum for each individual during Council Meetings. He also addressed the mosquito problem, stating spraying was required. The Mayor stated mosquitos breed in tires and advised he spoke with the Zoning Inspector regarding the tire problem in the community. Councilman Thompson added he spoke with Dr. Hahn who was concerned about the Zika Virus in Ohio. He stated Isaacs-Niemesh would work with the school nurse and the Boy Scouts to develop a plan for clean-up. Thompson commented on a tire pick-up. Fiscal Officer Nichole Knell stated the Village paid Rumpke for tire pick-up previously. Neal advised the County stated a few months prior they would pick up tires if off the rim.

Isaacs-Niemesh discussed a future clean-up. Discussion followed. Knell stated general clean-up was noted on the web site. Mayor Bryant commented and suggested inclusion of virus material. Isaacs-Niemesh stated awareness and clean-up could be combined in one event. Neal asked for two days; Isaacs-Niemesh preferred one day because of the Boy Scout participation. Discussion followed. Thompson stated standing water in containers is also a problem. Neal asked if brush could be included. Niemesh proposed the first Saturday in June or the second Saturday, June 11, 2016 as Clean-Up Day. Knell stated she would check on restrictions for brush pick-up, size, etc. Councilman Steiner emphasized size restrictions. Discussion followed. Isaacs-Niemesh discussed flyer distribution. Councilwoman Dane stated Saturday is not a scheduled work day for those picking up items and asked if a different day should be considered. Knell stated it wouldn't be feasible for Maintenance Department to pick up all materials; Thursday would be a better day. Discussion followed. It was agreed Rumpke and Warren County would be contacted prior to scheduling. Councilman Poe suggested contacting the County's Solid Waste District. Steiner stated radial steel would need to be removed from tires before any grinding. Knell agreed to check on that issue and advise Council via email. Alternate dates were offered June 1st through 4th for flyer distribution and June 6th through 11th for pick-ups. Discussion followed regarding flyer distribution. Isaacs-Niemesh suggested May 23 through 27 for flyer distribution.

Village Reports / Legislation from Officials

Neal thanked the Tree Board for Arbor Day Celebration. She suggested a gravel path to gazebo to eliminate people walking through the wet grass. The Mayor advised the sidewalk in front of the Village Offices needed to be replaced as well. He stated less than 5 yards of concrete is the minimum that can be purchased. Isaacs-Niemesh stated Mike Hanna could advise and/or do the concrete work.

Poe discussed the new Bucket Backhoe. He stated he discussed removing posts from the concrete with the Department of Natural Resources and the group that maintains the Bike

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Trail. He advised people are driving on the Bike Path and he believes the new equipment will lift the posts out and not leave a large hole. Originally, the posts were in place to prevent people from driving on the path. Discussion followed. Poe stated he planned to check with DNR again. He also commented on issues and complaints regarding drugs from residents on Main Street and around Phegley Park. Mayor Bryant stated the previous Saturday, at 12:30am, a homeless guy passing through the community was asleep on the park bench. The gentleman was given food and the Mayor stated he referred him to Thompson.

Knell requested an increase in appropriations for Income Tax refunds. She advised one gentleman was waiting on a refund for 3 weeks. At this time, she stated the Tax Administrator was unable to provide an amount. Knell suggested \$1,000 as an emergency to cover the refunds.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #10-16; second by Dane. All yea by roll call. Motion by Neal to approve Resolution #10-16, approving adjustments in appropriations; second by Steiner. All yea by roll call.

Knell provided a printed payment history for Century Link. She advised with the current or new proposed carrier, the Village would not pay for phones. Knell stated Time Warner provided a quote and it would take 90 days to install internet and phone service at one time; the existing phones would be used. Neal inquired about the fees and taxes. Knell advised no additional fees would be added and fiber optics would be used. Discussion followed.

Motion by Poe to enter into contract with Time Warner for phone and internet service; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All yea by roll call.

Public Forum

Luanne Cain stated drugs along the Bike Trail near her residence were a problem for the past six years as well as the homeless traffic. In 2015, a home was located for one homeless individual who had taken up residency there.

Village Reports / Legislation Cont'd

Knell reported the Village bi-annual audit would begin the week of May 30, 2016; auditors for the State would arrive on the premises at the end of the month. She discussed the status of Morrow's participation with the Ohio Check Book, advising 2013 through 2015 were available. She provided the web address.

William Harrison / Salem Township –Morrow Fire Department Chief

The Chief reported the department made 200 runs during the first quarter of 2016 with Tuesdays being the busiest days. He discussed rental property fire crew responses and an unsuccessful water rescue attempt involving significant resources. He advised the man who was believed to have fallen in the river was found in Lebanon.

Chief Harrison noted 59 Fire Inspections were completed and eight re-inspections. Business inspections, checking extinguishers, etc. have been completed with 40 yet to complete. He discussed the ISO4 rating for fire insurance which went into effect November 2015; he stated 44Y in the township has a higher premium. The Chief asked citizens with concerns regarding rates to refer their fire insurance companies to him for paperwork for ISO rating. The fire department hired seven volunteers and lost four; Harrison stated once certified, the volunteers often leave.

The Fire Chief advised the department is requesting a 3.9 Mill Levy placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot for personnel, etc. He requested the support of the community and elected officials. He asked for questions or concerns.

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Public Forum

Bruce Miller inquired if the survey for Blackhawk Road had been cancelled. Knell advised it was signed in October 2015 and executed. Discussion followed.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:45pm; second by Neal. All yea. Mayor Bryant stated the Fiscal Officer would also adjourn to the Executive Session.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to return to Regular Session at 8:04pm; second by Steiner. All yea by roll call.

Mr. Jack Kilburn discussed the guard rail at Prospect Avenue; he suggested metal be used at the hill top to prevent rollover. Neal commented garbage trucks often struggle getting over the hill. Mayor Bryant responded.

Mr. Bruce Miller stated a tree was down on Kibbey and it took two days to move it. Thompson advised he helped remove branches from the roadway the same night the tree came down. Mayor Bryant also responded.

Knell forwarded information received from Warren County regarding an available grant opportunity with only a couple days to submit an application.

Adjournment

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to adjourn at 8:08pm; second by Neal. All yea.

Nichole Knell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor