

Regular Session of Village Council

June 14, 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 the previous meeting. Motion by Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016 Regular Session; second by Councilman Steiner. 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 Salem Township Trustee Kurt Ramsey passed and acknowledged a 16 year old Little Miami School student who passed in the community in recent days; he called for a moment of silence.

Village Reports / Legislation from Officials

Fiscal Officer Nichole Knell discussed the Options to Purchase property and a meeting of Laura Curliss of ODNR and the Mayor the previous week. Knell referred to the \$700,000 State budget approval. Solicitor John Kaspar advised he spoke with Curliss; he stated authority was previously granted by Resolution 34-13. He advised the Village would be reimbursed. Kaspar advised an up or down vote only was needed. Thompson discussed details of the Resolution. Discussion followed.

Motion by Neal to authorize the Mayor to execute Options to Purchase and move forward; second by Thompson. All yeas by roll call.

Thompson discussed the process following property purchases and suggested a working group to work on the proposal going forward. The Mayor commented on information provided regarding destination points. Discussion followed.

Isaacs-Niemesh discussed a proposed future clean-up and the dumpster costs involved. She requested a status update with the information provided. The Mayor stated he was in favor of moving forward. Knell discussed costs for the dumpster starting at \$250 up or \$2.25 per tire plus a charge for the dumpster and driver at a flat rate of \$180. Isaacs Niemesh advised the Boy Scouts weren't available; she stated she checked with Scout Master Stephen Blow. Isaacs Niemesh stated Rumpke would be expensive. Knell provided additional cost, stating a 42 yard dumpster was \$200 for one week plus 10% fuel and a surcharge. Discussion followed. Councilman Poe suggested storage space near the Water Tower and Councilwoman Neal stated the dumpster could be used for other things. Isaacs-Niemesh stated the Zoning Inspector and Chief of Police have responsibility for ensuring citizens clean up their property. The Mayor commented and discussed the individual cost for citizens. Isaacs-Niemesh stated the Zika Virus flyer was not needed. Mayor Bryant asked Council for disposition on the matter. Councilwoman Dane inquired about the flat dumping fee of \$200 if the dumpster is not used and suggested trying the Zoning Inspector. Isaacs-Niemesh agreed. Thompson stated he preferred the dumpster.

Motion by Thompson to notice and cite offenders; second by Poe. All yeas.

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Poe discussed the new equipment arriving in July and advised he spoke with Ken Ellison at Department of Natural Resources as he agreed during the prior meeting and Mike Hanna. He noted the new equipment would remove the posts from the Bike Trail and save time weeding around posts. Isaacs-Niemesh asked for original purpose for the posts. Discussion followed.

Motion by Poe to request permission from ODNR to remove posts from the Bike Trail; second by Neal. All yea by roll call.

Neal discussed the signage outside the Village office building, stating it lists the incorrect time for Council meetings. Knell stated she previously researched the costs and would place the order for the signage.

Kaspar provided copies of Employee Handbooks from colleagues for other municipalities. He stated it may assist the Village with the Procedures Manual update. Thompson advised he would compare the handout with the current Policy Manual; he stated he wished to take the lead on this and urged Council to review the copies generated by Rod Smith. Knell stated the Auditors requested items corrected in the Personnel Policy on vacation, leave, etc. for compliance as soon as possible.

Knell stated the Audit went reasonably well in May. She advised the July Tax Budget hearing should be scheduled one hour before the regular meeting. The Fiscal Officer stated she recently received and paid a bill for \$17,000 from Jones Warner for a clay valve replacement from an equipment provider for services in December 2015. She also stated Emergency Services at Warren County requested a Letter of Support for Riverbank Revitalization currently posing a hazard. The Mayor advised a letter could be provided as long as it stipulates the work would not result in an adverse effect to Village property.

The Fiscal Officer stated fines and delinquent tax bills are due to Warren County in September. She discussed the Youth Program through Warren County for young people, ages 16 to 24. Dane added the County pays for the program services. Thompson inquired regarding limitations of the program. Knell responded. She advised a retroactive Resolution was required for a previous 2015 payout of Hanna's four weeks of 2014 vacation carryover. She advised the Auditor stated it must be approved retroactively; a retroactive Resolution was also needed for the additional week of 2016 vacation approved for Nichole Knell.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #11-16; second by Neal. All yea by roll call. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to approve Resolution #11-16, retroactively approving payout of Mike Hanna's 4 week vacation entitlement; second by Neal. All yea by roll call.

Motion by Poe to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #12-16; second by Neal. All yea by roll call. Motion by Poe retroactively adopting Resolution #12-16, approving an additional week of vacation for Knell for 2016; second by Neal. All yea by roll call.

The Solicitor discussed the pre application for OPWC grant for Water Main Replacement Project PY32/2018 to be submitted on behalf of the Village by Jones Warner Consulting. Thompson provided additional details. Discussion followed.

Motion by Poe to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #13-16; second by Neal. All yea by roll call. Motion by Poe to approve Resolution #13-16 approving OPWC pre application for PY32/2018; second by Neal. All yea by roll call.

Kaspar stated a Resolution was needed for Jones Warner to submit final OPWC application for the Morrow Blackhawk Road Project PY31/2017, providing details of the project grant.

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Motion by Neal to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #14-16; second by Poe. All yeas by roll call. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to approve Resolution #14-16, authorizing final application by Jones Warner for OPWC PY31/2017; second by Steiner. All yeas by roll call.

Mayor Bryant reported a bid was received for resurfacing the Village Office parking lot; a second bid would be obtained. The Mayor stated forty gallons of sealer is needed to seal cracks.

Public Forum

Barbara Thompson reported on behalf of the Tree Board, stating thirteen trees on Main Street on the Bike Trail need to be cleaned up and trimmed. She advised the trees were previously donated. Discussion followed. Council approved the trimming.

John Murphy and Tommy Seay discussed the Football League activity. Council was updated on the progress at the parks. Murphy stated two old baseball fields have not been used for years; the ground is bad and fencing is broken. He added the exit was closed for safety reasons. The league wishes to level ground and take care of the fields and the exit. Mayor Bryant stated he visited the ball fields to identify the area being requested for upgrade along with Thompson. Seay advised the area was to be used for practice and parking. The Mayor asked Council for disposition on the matter. Discussion followed. Council was in agreement with the upgrades to be completed by the Football League.

Minister Paul Pezzenti gave a brief history of the Church of Jesus Christ founded in Pennsylvania in 1862. He advised no board members for the Church live in the local community; the Church is located at 115 Pamela Drive. He introduced the Church and its religious beliefs, advising of the many countries where the Church is located. The Minister advised the church offers marriages at no cost and funerals. He provided a letter and flyer, requesting the Village post the flyer. Minister Pezzenti offered to help the Village.

Neal asked if they would like to assist the local Food Pantry. Sue Nelson asked questions about the religious/social beliefs of the Church. Discussion followed. Knell stated the church is currently listed on the Village's web site.

Bruce Miller stated the posts on the Bike Trail are landscaping and he would hate to see them go. He stated pesticides were used around the post this year. Miller stated there are over 200 posts and a big hole would be left if removed. Kilburn stated they could be leveled. Mayor Bryant stated we sprayed herbicide; it is EPA approved. Isaacs-Niemesh asked what is the plan; we voted to take them out. Discussion followed.

Village Reports / Legislation Cont'd

Police Chief Kilburn reported Dillon West accepted a full time position with Goshen and will be missed; Easton VonHolle is the new officer and will fit in well. He asked Deputy Sheriff Katie Barnes be remembered and advised Warren County Sheriff Simms appreciated the assistance and participation. The Mayor stated Matt Landrum left because of wages. Knell stated VonHolle is eager and resides locally; he participated in training without pay. Kilburn advised services for Kurt Ramsey would be at the First Baptist Church in Lebanon.

Motion by Thompson to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues; second by Neal. All yeas. The Fiscal Officer also adjourned to Executive Session.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to return to Regular Session; second by Poe. All yeas.

Adjournment

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

Nichole Knell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor