

Regular Session of Village Council

October 11, 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

John Poe – P

Isaacs-Niemesh – P

Benjamin Steiner – P

Judy Neal – 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 September 8, 2016 Regular Session; second by Councilwoman Neal. All yeas by roll call.

Colleen Chamberlain / Mental Health Recovery Services of Warren & Clinton County

Chamberlain, a resident of Morrow provided historical information for the agency and introduced Jennifer Monigle of Talbert House, a provider agency, who distributed information to Council members and others. Colleen Chamberlain advised a 1 mill levy, which would cost a home owner of a \$100,000 property on average \$25, was on the November ballot. She stated the levy which dates back to 2002 now represented 53% of the overall budget, a huge impact on the services provided to the community. She described the services provided, counseling, psychiatric and detox services, residential services, recovery housing for up to one year, safety net services, crisis hotline (1-877-695-6333), mobile crisis services in Lebanon and Wilmington and therapy for heroin, drugs and alcohol abuses. She provided additional detail on crisis services; a mental health provider is available to each of the 62 schools. MHRS focuses on preventing mental health issues and also provides Vocational Supportive Employment, one of the most effective services offered. Councilman Thompson asked if the agency felt they were getting head of the curve on problems for which services were being provided. Chamberlain stated there are some areas such as drugs in which they are having a constant struggle. Councilman Poe asked if housing was spread over both counties. She replied it is population based throughout both counties; she added an evaluator goes to hospitals when needed. Neal inquired if there was a waiting list. Chamberlain advised MHRS has 135 units and are able to meet urgent needs. She urged Morrow residents to support the upcoming levy.

Reports / Legislation from Village Officials

The Mayor reported he met with Mr. Brisom; he gave a description of area of farm acreage, approximately 300 acres at the top of the hill across from Cook's. He stated the gentleman was interested in incorporating into the Village and advised he invited Bryson to a Council meeting who stated Jergensen may wish to incorporate into the Village as well. Bruce Miller asked if the Village water lines crossed the river. Discussion followed regarding servicing water to the acreage once plats were developed. George Bocklett wanted to know how far the Village would run water lines. The Mayor responded the water line would run to the bottom of the hill. Mayor Bryant stated Mr. Bryson is interested also in opening a business in Morrow. Mayor Bryant stated he was working on Main Street and discussed the condition of one property scheduled in court. He provided an update on a second property and stated a shed near one Council member also needed work. Discussion followed. Bruce Miller asked if 120 Main Street was included. Thompson responded it was included. Discussion continued.

Neal advised the November meeting would be on Election Day. She asked if the meeting would be rescheduled. The Mayor stated the meeting would be held at the scheduled time. Neal asked for the date for Trick or Treat for the Village. Fiscal Officer Nichole Knell replied October 31st, 6pm to 8pm. Poe advised a meeting was scheduled at the Little Miami High School at 7pm on October 20th regarding Morrow Elementary. He would like to have Council members opinions heard. Poe stated a second meeting is scheduled on December 6,

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2016. He stated he wanted the information on the web. Knell offered to put the information on the Village website. Poe asked Bruce Miller to put it on Facebook for the Village. Bruce Miller stated he appreciated Council encouraging him to continue using his Facebook. Miller acknowledged previously receiving a letter from Solicitor Kaspar to delete the website he operates in the name of the Village of Morrow.

Thompson discussed the Personnel Policy draft received at the last meeting. He wished to have a first reading on the draft policy allowing Council time to review and make notations. Kaspar provided a first reading of the proposed Ordinance.

Motion by Thompson to adopt Ordinance #3-16, adopting Personnel Policy Draft as First Reading; second by Poe. Five yea by roll call, one nay by Isaacs-Niemesh. Discussion followed.

Mayor Bryant stated he visited the Morrow First Church of God along with officers and Ms. Wilmot where they were served homemade soup and other food items. He acknowledged the food was great. Isaacs Niemesh advised she was approached by School Board members regarding Christmas on Main. The Mayor stated the Chamber of Commerce previously handled it, discussing previous Christmas on Main celebrations and the Depot. Poe discussed the fee for booths during his involvement. Knell stated the Parks Board budget was \$350. The Mayor discussed donations made previously by Morrow to Morrow of \$1,000 and donation by Mr. Oeder. Discussion followed. Poe stated the Chamber of Commerce should handle it. He reiterated his draws from the budget and stated the Chamber paid for the horses.

Public Forum

Bruce Miller asked Thompson about the memory card provided at the September meeting. Thompson advised there was no recording from the July meeting in question.

Reports / Legislation from Village Officials Cont'd

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

Fiscal Officer Nichole Knell stated she was trying to get people involved in the budget process. She requested adjustments in appropriations, increase in General Fund for audit fees for \$82 and Real Estate Tax collection fee of \$109.68 on an emergency basis. Kaspar read the proposed Resolution.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #22-16; second by Neal. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to adopt Resolution #21-16, approving adjustments in appropriations as outlined; second by Neal. All yea by roll call.

Kaspar followed up on Annexation Procedure 709.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. He advised following Commission meeting and authorization, expiration of 60 day; a petition must be filed in Common Pleas Court. Kaspar stated at the next Regular Session after proposal, 60 days from delivery, a presentation should be made to municipality to allow them to file petition with Common Pleas Court.

The Solicitor addressed Mr. Miller's comment. The Facebook page is your property. He discussed an heir to the page which Miller stated he has. Kaspar advised the Village of Morrow could be sued for defamation; who decides what gets posted the Village or Miller. He stated this should be considered and discussed. Bruce Miller asked the Solicitor who told him to send the letter. Kaspar advised him it was a work product and that information is privileged. Miller stated he had nothing further to say; he shares his own opinion on that Facebook page.

Adjournment

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

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Nichole Knell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor