

Regular Session of Village Council

January 10, 2017

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 – A

Judy Neal – P

John Poe – P

Benjamin Steiner – P

William Thompson – P

Mayor Bryant called for a motion for the appointment of Vice Mayor for 2017. Motion by Councilwoman Neal to appoint Councilman William Thompson as Vice Mayor; second by Thompson. All yea by roll call.

Thompson advised he completed 20 hours of training at Emergency Management Center with Warren County. He stated he learned he was the first elected official to attend the training.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Councilman Steiner to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 Regular Session; second by Neal. All yea by roll call.

The Mayor asked Shawn Campbell for information on tap-in fees for Riverview at Todd's Fork. Fiscal Officer Knell asked if the contribution fee was initially included in the PUD for the Woodlands. Campbell responded originally it was all one; he thought it was now a new entity, but the players were the same, developer Joe Allen and his brother who recently expired. Knell commented since she's been with the Village the funds have gone to the Woodlands. Thompson commented money should go to the General Fund. Campbell discussed the tap-in fees. He asked if there was something in writing regarding the contribution. Neal inquired about the accounting record for the contribution fees. Discussion followed. The Mayor and Campbell discussed fees were not paid in the past for every home of the total number built. Knell stated we are receiving fees for Riverview at Todd's Fork.

Shawn Campbell / Jones Warner Consulting

Campbell reported the application for the Morrow Blackhawk Road Widening Project was submitted. He encouraged Council to relay to Warren County Commission the need for the grant. The Mayor discussed the problems current and past at that location. He stated once the Village receives the grant towards the local share, we can move forward with the much needed work.

Shawn Campbell discussed the Water Plant Project; he stated the plans, binder and specifications book were submitted to the EPA and copied to Village of Morrow in late 2016. He reiterated the project was being considered as a new plant rather than a modification. Response letter, changes, etc. are to be completed by February. ODNR is putting together a land agreement, no herbicides, pesticides, etc. He stated he previously copied the Mayor. Campbell reported the *Permit To Install* wouldn't be issued until the 3rd well and land agreements were approved. ODNR and Jones Warner Consulting have provided everything requested to date. Campbell stated the Bike Trail area must be protected. The 300' requirement does not come into play with existing Wells 1 and 2; they are grandfathered and don't fall in the 300' requirement. Poe questioned the land agreement required of ODNR. Campbell responded. Discussion followed.

Bids for the Water Plant are planned for late Spring Campbell stated; the contractor should begin work early in 2018. Mayor Bryant stated the Board of Public Affairs dug the 3rd well many years ago when he was a Council Member. He was told at the time it was approved.

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Discussion followed with regard to the location. Campbell discussed the Western Water Source. He stated public systems with fewer than 5,000 services must have an alternate water source. The Mayor discussed the Western Water rate versus the Warren County rate. Discussion followed. Campbell stated the Village wanted to keep their own water; Warren County wanted the Village to pay for the main/pipes. He provided contact information for ODNR requested by Poe for the Water Plant status. Campbell stated he would also answer any questions via email.

Reports / Legislation from Village Officials

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 thanked those responsible for the decorations and Christmas lights around town and all the work involved, the Thompson's, Bonnie Campbell, Cindy Wilmot, Nichole Knell and the Public Works employees, Mike Hanna and Mike Bryant. He reported there was a good turnout for the *Community Christmas Dinners*. He thanked everyone for attending and participating. The Mayor reported the Police are working on the narcotics problem; he advised he was aware of one overdose in the community; The Village Market had a recent break-in, but he was unaware of any other robberies. He discussed the Tarpolian house at 249 Main Street; other properties were discussed on Main and Second Streets. Bruce Miller interjected Governor Kasich signed a Bill outlawing plywood on windows. The Mayor addressed Zoning issues and the 45 day notice. Miller asked if there was a lawsuit. The Mayor replied no and commented on liens and ownership. Mayor Bryant complimented Council members for their interaction and Public Works employees on salting the roads during the prior week.

Thompson advised he received an email from ODOT regarding the Bike Trail and copied Council members. He stated ODOT wishes to name every Bike Trail with a number, etc.; the State wants a Resolution stating the Village supports the grant they are seeking. He advised the Village would receive signs and be responsible to maintain them. Thompson advised he wouldn't block the Resolution. Neal commented on the original date and schedule. Poe commented on the signage; he did not see the need for it. Discussion followed. Kaspar provided the reading for the Resolution.

Motion by Neal to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #1-17; second by Steiner. Three yea, 2 nay by Poe and Thompson. Motion failed as emergency legislation. Motion by Neal to adopt Resolution #1-17, supporting Bike Trail signage and ODOT grant application to provide signage; second by Steiner. Three yea, 2 nay by Thompson and Poe. Motion carried; first reading.

The Fiscal Officer discussed the information provided, explaining the Fiscal Revenue Status by Fund and Bank Reconciliation. She advised in 2016 Financial Summary, revenue exceeded revenue in all funds. She stated the Final Budget would be provided in February for approval. She stated the current Bonding Insurance covers the Village, not employees; the employees don't have any protection. The Mayor commented on large checks being processed and signed. Chief Kilburn commented on a lien served on personal property in the 1980's and the Village had nothing to cover the employee. Mayor Bryant stated the Village offered \$75,000 rather than the \$120,000 awarded. The litigant wouldn't agree to settle for \$75,000 and the Village took the matter to the Court of Appeals who ruled in the Village's favor and the lean was released on the property. Heath stated the Township currently had bonding. Knell stated she would check into it. She also reported one Schuerer Trust Fund application was approved.

Thompson stated Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh was home with a sick child. He stated there was an issue in the proposed Personnel Policy Draft he disagreed with and he would like Isaacs-Niemesh to be present to discuss her concern. Thompson requested the third reading be postponed. Kaspar was in agreement with tabling the third reading of Ordinance #3-16. Thompson requested a Special Session to discuss the policy. A Special Session was

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scheduled for January 24th at 7pm. All were in agreement.

Motion by Poe to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a legal issue at 7:55pm; second by Neal. All yea. Motion by Poe to return to Regular Session at 8:36pm; second by Thompson. All yea.

Public Forum

Bruce Miller stated he wanted to congratulate the Council members who voted no on the Bike Trail signage.

Adjournment

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

Nichole Knell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor