

Regular Session of Village Council

June 13, 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

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 the previous meetings. Motion by Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2017 Regular Session; second by Councilman Steiner. All yeas by roll call.

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.

The Mayor reported the swing was in at the Park and the drinking fountain would be installed the following week; permission would be needed to dig on the property line. He also discussed a Village clean-up date. Administrator/Fiscal Officer Knell provided the cost and restrictions for the scope of the clean-up project. She advised a Saturday bulk pick-up would cost the Village \$1800 for a curb pick up at individual residences. Mayor Bryant asked her to check on a single dumpster if available. A previous tire only pick up with just under 100 tires collected was discussed with a cost of \$2 per tire off the rim and larger tires, such as bobcat tires, at \$5 per tire. Neal commented on curb versus dumpster pick-up and suggested a tire only pick up. Isaacs-Niemesh suggested the Village split the cost with residents. The Mayor commented. Councilwoman Dane inquired if there was a minimum number of tires required and suggested setting items out on the regular trash day. Knell suggested a written notice; Thompson suggested an information update be made available to residents advising them of items Rumpke picks up regularly. Steiner stated he would like to try the \$1 tire pick-up; all were in agreement.

Knell advised Rumpke's contract would expire on July 31, 2017. The Mayor requested quotes from other vendors be obtained.

Major Steve Arrasmith/Investigations Division Commander County Drug Task Force

Steve Arrasmith distributed the 2016 Warren County Drug Task Report to all present and thanked the Village for its continuous support. Arrasmith advised the sheriff would come out in the Fall to update the Village on the new jail, etc. He reported in 2016 the Drug Task Force continued to be multijurisdictional, operating in Warren and Clinton Counties and Wilmington. There were 21 full time members in 2016 and 2017. He explained the function of the Ohio HIDTA; they share the same mission under one roof. The team of detectives includes one on drug diversion and prescription drugs, one uniform interdiction, six troopers from the Highway Patrol and four canine units. Arrasmith reports to the Policy Board in Warren County. He provided a list of supporters providing funding to include the County Commission. The Commander advised the task consumes the unit; there has been a rise in deaths and overdoses, 55 overdoses for 2017 to date, compared to 70 for all of 2016. Seizures from 2015 to 2016 showed a 558% increase. He advised Montgomery County leads the Country in heroine issues.

Combined investigations resulted in 441 criminal cases and 235 felony cases. The Mayor commented on a local non-fatal overdose. Neal discussed a recent news report which stated police responded to one location three times in one day. Arrasmith discussed those seeking help and treatment; prevention, education and treatment are needed to fix the problem.

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Reports / Legislation from Village Officials Cont'd

Isaacs-Niemesh reported a neighbor's concern regarding a grinder pump installed on the property. The Mayor provided information regarding repair. Steiner responded 23 in Morrow are on the pumps and the replacement cost is \$4,000. A letter was generated by Warren County. Knell is researching; she inquired and obtained a copy of the letter. Discussion followed.

Neal discussed an empty lot on Garfield, on the corner at the alley; the property was originally attached to 301 Welch Road. Neal reported a shed on the property is in bad shape. The Mayor advised it was in the hands of the Zoning Inspector/Board. He added there may be a buyer.

Thompson reported on the flowers planted along the bridge. Among the volunteers this year, one was from a neighboring community. He thanked Agnes McIntosh, Barbara Thompson and Jane Birckhead for their service and dedication, planting the Wave Petunias to beautify the Village. Bruce Miller commented about the type of flowers planted. Thompson replied; the previous flowers required deadheading regularly. The new plantings do not require deadheading. Anthony Wisebrand donated flowers and Redding Feed and Supply provided a discount.

Mayor Bryant asked about the status of the old Elementary School. Isaacs-Niemesh advised another meeting would be scheduled with additional information. Knell reported the Tax Budget hearing would be July 11th at 6pm prior to the Regular Council Meeting. She stated the Tax Budget is due to the County by July 15, 2017. Knell also advised Shawn Campbell of Jones Warner provided a written update to her. She read the letter aloud; Boone Well Drilling would mobilize later in the month and complete in July, work on Well #3 will move forward, revised plans are in the approval process and all EPA comments have been addressed.

Knell discussed the need for a Police cruiser; she read a written list of problems and cost repair estimate included in Council's report packet. Thompson asked the amount received from the sale of old cruiser in 2011. Knell responded. She stated the estimated cost for a new equipped cruiser is \$37,000. The State bid for a Ford SUV is \$29,782.50 and doesn't include lights and certain equipment; Items not included will cost \$7,125 to \$7,190, with stickers additional. The current auxiliary vehicle would be replaced. Discussion followed. Knell stated the bid date had passed for the Chevy Tahoe. The Mayor stated the Crown Victoria is well worn. Knell provided information on financing at 3.89%, suggesting a 3 year loan. The last day to order the vehicle is July 7, 2017; Knell stated \$24,000 was budgeted. Discussion followed. Solicitor Kaspar provided the reading for the pending Ordinance.

Motion by Thompson to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Ordinance #3-17; second by Neal. Five yea by roll call. Motion by Thompson to adopt Ordinance #3-17, approving the purchase of a Ford Interceptor SUV for Village Police and declaring an emergency; second by Neal. Five yea by roll call.

Public Forum

Bruce Miller thanked the Administrator for getting the flags up. Knell stated the Maintenance Technicians were already scheduled for Friday morning when she was contacted. Discussion followed regarding the flags. Mr. Miller wished to discuss Flat Rock. He stated professional photographers were taking pictures; there was trash and graffiti under the bridge. The Mayor discussed the trash and asked Miller for suggestions. Miller suggested a sign or surveillance camera. Discussion followed. Miller suggested sandblasting. Mayor Bryant suggested the Allen Brothers take care of the clean-up; the property is outside the Village limits.

Adjournment

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