

Regular Session of Village Council

August 8, 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 – P

Benjamin Steiner – A

William Thompson – P

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meetings. Motion by Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 Regular and Special Sessions; second by Councilwoman Neal. Five yea by roll call.

Executive Session

Motion by Neal; second by Councilman Thompson to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:05pm. Mayor Bryant requested Administrator/Fiscal Officer Knell to join them in Executive Session. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Thompson to return to Regular Session at 7:59pm.

Public Parking for Little Miami Trail

Thompson discussed public parking in the Village along the Bike Trail. He stated he spoke with the drivers of two cars the prior weekend who advised him they were told by the business owner there were plenty parking elsewhere. Two other cyclists stated previously they were asked to return by noon to move their cars before the business' customers arrived. Thompson spoke with the owner; the owner implied it should be his private space for parking. Discussion followed. Thompson requested approval for signage for the specified parking. Solicitor Kaspar advised an up or down vote was needed. Councilman Poe commented the parking should be back-in only for safety. Discussion followed. Thompson asked that the issues be addressed separately.

Motion by Thompson to install public parking signs in the designated area; second by Poe. All yea. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to purchase 2 public parking signs; second by Thompson. All yea.

Chief Kilburn commented on back-in only parking signs in other communities. Discussion followed. The Chief asked for time to research specifications for signage and post height. Thompson stated the retaining wall off Pike Street was falling and needed repair. He advised there was a problem making the turn safely.

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 recommended Randy Osborn for Zoning Inspector. He stated Osborn served on the Planning Commission for 3 years. The position would be part-time. Mr. Osborn stated his willingness to serve. All were in agreement with his appointment. Thompson advised an alternate was needed for the Warren County Planning Commission and recommended Randy Osborn serve as the alternate for the quarterly meetings.

Mayor Bryant stated the recent Tire Collection was a success and discussed the letter requesting \$1.00 from citizens per tire towards the fee. He advised the Board of Health agreed to help with the resident's portion of the cost. Knell advised the Village would be required to pay between \$222.50 and \$722.50. We received a credit from Rumpke. We are awaiting an answer from Warren County Health District; 696 tires were collected. The Mayor thanked Knell for her efforts.

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Poe discussed a meeting with Jim Snyder which was also attended by the Mayor and Knell working on the contract for the portion of the Bike Trail to the park. He stated he understood Shawn Campbell of Jones Warner withdrew the grant application for the repaving of Blackhawk Road which crosses Route 22 and 3 at the traffic light. He discussed options and advised he is waiting for information. He stated the Village needs to utilize the \$700,000 grant allocated for bike trail. The Mayor stated he looked at the area 2 to 3 months prior with Shawn Campbell. Poe commented on \$29,500 paid to the engineering firm for the Bike Trail; suggestions are yet needed for the road repair, erosion and run-off. Isaacs-Niemesh asked if Council could use someone else to finish the Water Plant Project. The response was *no* from Council. Poe stated three suggestions have been given for engineering firms in the future. Poe advised Warren County Regional Planning is willing to work with the Village on the second part of the Bike Trail planning and implementation. Thompson read an excerpt from the quarterly Warren County Planning Commission meeting. He suggested a group of Council members meet regularly and report to Council with recommendations. He recommended Poe, the Mayor, Knell and himself for the group.

Motion by Thompson to approve Ordinance #4-17; second by Poe to create a work group to work with WCRPC, etc. to plan and implement the Bike and Hiking Trail to Thornton Park with additional members identified. All yeas. First reading was completed by the Solicitor.

Knell advised Shawn Campbell stated the Village application scored 5th for the Morrow Blackhawk Project and the grant was still available; the Village will know by October when the grant award is announced. Poe commented.

Neal reported she did not submit a petition for re-election to Council. She stated many have misquoted and questioned her reason for not doing so. She shared information regarding her health, past treatment and future needs. She stated she was first elected to a Village post in 1987 and has been honored to serve the Village in various capacities. The Mayor advised her if she needs anything, please let him know.

Isaacs-Niemesh distributed a brochure on the Vulcan electronic anti-scale system, including the price list. She stated the system doesn't use salt and protects pipes, adapts to 4 ½ to 8" pipe and is good for 30 years. Neal stated plans are set for the Water Plant. Thompson discussed operation and removal of hardness; softened water is metered into water supply. Salt water is flushed back in to restore zeolite before entering the sewer lines and approved by the County. Neal recalled she previously asked if salt was being used to soften water and the answer was no; Thompson agreed. Isaacs-Niemesh asked Council to review the packet; she stated the cost is less than \$5,000. The Mayor asked for Council's viewpoint. Poe asked if the County was using this system and wanted an engineer's opinion. He stated there are a lot of questions. Discussion followed. Isaacs-Niemesh stated she would research and have the representative come to the meeting. Thompson stated ductal iron pipes and bacteria makes rust appear after standing water.

Knell reported the Rumpke contract was renewed for 3 years with a 75 cent increase per month initially to \$1.45 at the end of the contract. Repairs are ongoing at the Water Plant and Well #3 is underway. She advised State revenue received in prior years is now going to the Drug Fund. The ODNR lease is up for renewal for the bathrooms at Phegley Park; it expired in 2014. The Mayor stated Morrow owns the park; it was purchased from the railroad. ODNR owns the bathrooms. The Solicitor advised he would review the contract.

Public Forum

Dave Ducker asked why Morrow pays ODNR for the restrooms. Clarification was provided. Knell responded the contract states we will maintain the restrooms. Ducker inquired regarding Morrow Millgrove Road, stating a survey was completed that day. He asked if a completion date was known. Bruce Miller stated 2018.

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Miller stated tax payer money is being spent and the park is locked. Discussion followed. Poe asked if same rules could be applied that the County Parks use. Thompson referenced the 2015 five year lease agreement and prior vandalism and stated he would have the park unlocked. The Mayor wants a contract with the group. Neal stated the park should be unlocked. Discussion followed regarding past and current practices.

Adjournment

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

Nichole Knell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor