

Regular Session of Village Council

September 12, 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 – 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 August 8, 2017 Regular Session with necessary corrections; 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 Officer Easton VanHolle joined the Warren County police force; the Village hated to lose him. Mayor Bryant stated Robert Hawk has served six years as an Auxiliary Officer and he recommended him to replace VanHolle as a full-time officer. Isaacs-Niemesh asked if the Chief concurred. Solicitor Kaspar recommended an up or down vote. Discussion followed.

Motion by Councilman Thompson to hire Robert Hawk; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All yeas.

Mayor Bryant stated the *Morrow to Tomorrow* treasury was at \$28,000 and had two potential buyers. He reported the Board voted to give the account balance, the Depot and land, 3 lots, to the Village of Morrow if the transaction is legally permitted after consulting with their lawyer; both organizations are nonprofit. He advised Merilene Skaggs was not able to be at that meeting to present the information. He asked if the Village would accept the donation if legally permitted. Thompson resigned from *Morrow to Tomorrow* on September 12, 2017. Isaacs-Niemesh stated if legally allowed, it is a great gesture. Discussion followed.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to accept *Morrow to Tomorrow's* donation, pending the legal research; second by Neal.

Thompson asked for Council's thoughts regarding the property. Isaacs-Niemesh responded; she stated the building could replace the current offices for the Village. Thompson asked Council members to go the location and measure, tour, etc. The Mayor said he would like to take a vote on it; he gave certain historical information on the Depot. Discussion followed.

All yeas by roll call on the motion and second on the floor.

Mayor Bryant discussed the replacement of windows at the Municipal Building. He stated vinyl windows at Lowe's were \$129 each at a savings of \$1200 over wood windows. New lumber for the trim would be used; certified contractors have placed bids for labor. He also applauded the Chief of Police for the hours he serves in the evening and his expertise as Chief of Police.

Solicitor Kaspar requested an Executive Session. Administrator/Fiscal Officer Knell stated Warren County made a change from \$40,000 to \$42,000 for Real Estate taxes; she requested a Resolution accepting Amounts and Rates by Warren County Budget Commission. Kaspar read the pending Resolution.

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by Poe to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #15-17; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All yeas by roll call. Motion by Poe to approve Resolution #15-17, accepting amounts and rates by Warren County Budget Commission, authorizing tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All yeas by roll call.

Knell advised the new Police Cruiser arrived for stickers, etc. to be added. She stated four new Public Parking signs were posted and provided the locations. She read a resignation letter with acknowledgements, stating she had a new career opportunity and September 22, 2017 would be her last day. The Mayor and Council expressed their thanks and regrets that she was resigning. Discussion followed.

The Solicitor provided the Second Reading of Ordinance #4-17, creating a work group to plan and implement the Bike and Hiking Trail to Thornton Park with Warren County Regional Planning Commission.

Public Forum

Clarissa Parker introduced herself, advising she lived in the area from age 10 and currently worked for the school system as a Child Care Director. Mrs. Parker advised she's a candidate in the November election for Village Council. Discussion followed.

Executive Session

Motion by Thompson; second by Poe to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:30pm. Mayor Bryant requested Knell join in Executive Session. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Neal to return to Regular Session.

The Mayor appointed Jesse McKeehan to the Planning Commission replacing Randy Osborn.

Adjournment

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

Nichole Knell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor