

Regular Session of Village Council

October 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
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 September 12, 2017 Regular Session and September 21, 2017 Special Session; second by Councilman Thompson. All yea 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 new windows and blinds were purchased for the Municipal Office Building. He advised \$1,000 or more was saved over bids presented; the windows were purchased at Lowe's. He stated a bonded and insured installer was contracted to do the work. He introduced the new Fiscal Officer. Thompson stated her appointment was confirmed with 100% affirmation vote.

Thompson commented on the Vulcan Water question, stating he sent an email to Council and had nothing more to add; if another Council member wished to discuss the matter, they may do so. He asked the new Fiscal Officer to introduce herself. Tina Powell stated she lived just outside Morrow on Anderson Road for the past 15 years. She commented on her new position. Thompson inquired regarding any training needs she might have. Powell stated she worked 13 hours with the former officer Nichole Knell. She also advised while Knell was out-of town, she willingly responded to questions. Powell stated after a few weeks, she would have a better idea of additional training needs. She discussed the upcoming budget reports. Mayor Bryant commented on the working relationship to date.

Powell presented a water adjustment request for \$290.30 with usage history researched by Ms. Wilmot. Discussion followed. Councilwoman Dane read an excerpt from the explanation for the adjustment request provided by the customer. Thompson stated 800,000 gallons of water was used and receipts were provided for the repairs. Isaacs-Niemesh asked if the usage met the approved criteria. The response was affirmative.

Motion by Thompson to approve the water adjustment for customer Cox; second by Neal. All yea by roll call.

Thompson stated he wished Ordinance 5-13 revised to remove Tree Board members for cause. He stated he had records to support a revision and could duplicate them for Council if needed. Thompson stated a request for Tree Board members was posted on a website named *Village of Morrow* which was out of order. He advised the Tree Board did not send the information to the official website for the Village. Discussion continued. Isaacs-Niemesh asked what language he was proposing. He stated bearing false witness was one. The Mayor stated the website being referenced had nothing to do with the official website for the Village; it was Bruce Miller's website and questioned how Tree Board minutes appeared on Bruce's website. Thompson commented, stating a member's health issues were posted on the website's Facebook page.

The Mayor stated he spoke with Agnes McIntosh; she advised she wasn't resigning. Thompson commented. Isaacs-Niemesh summarized the issues being discussed. She stated

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information was posted on the incorrect website and an error was made that needs to be corrected. Zorn stated Agnes McIntosh was at the last meeting and he made a mistake. Zorn stated he made a mistake hurriedly revising the minutes. Isaacs-Niemesh commented we must be kind. Zorn stated he inadvertently listed Agnes McIntosh as absent on the monthly minutes for the Tree Board; he sent the minutes to Nichole Knell to post on the official website for the Village after all Tree Board members reviewed and approved those minutes. Zorn stated no one caught the error at the time. Mr. Nelson commented. Thompson stated he felt it was deliberate and restated his prior position. Discussion followed. Zorn asked if Council wished the members to serve on the Tree Board. The response was yes. Discussion followed. Two Tree Board members left the meeting.

Thompson moved to revise Ordinance 5-13 to remove members for cause. Isaacs-Niemesh stated she felt the Mayor would be the one to remove members that he appoints. She asked Solicitor Kaspar for his response. Kaspar advised with the Mayor's ability to appoint Tree Board members, the Ordinance revision was not needed. The Mayor stated he had no intention of getting rid of anyone. Bruce Miller stated he did not list a name on his website for the illness mentioned and did not verify the information because of the source. The Mayor asked if the Tree Board members who left the meeting indicated they resigned. Discussion followed. The consensus was yes.

Kaspar read pending emergency legislation for increase in appropriations for \$11,623.50, \$59.94 and \$95.37 for miscellaneous adjustments.

Motion by Thompson to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #16-17; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. Five yea by roll call. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to approve Resolution #16-17, approving adjustments in appropriations; second by Thompson. Five yea by roll call.

Public Forum

Bruce Miller asked if the water to the park fountain was now working. The Mayor advised the Village completed its portion; the fountain was installed 3 weeks prior. The Mayor stated it is County property; a meter was installed and he would continue to check on it. Miller inquired about Thornton Park access. The Mayor advised he asked the Police to lock it at night and unlock it in the morning. Discussion followed.

William Harrison/ Salem Morrow Fire Chief

The Chief provided upcoming *Trunk or Treat* details; he discussed last year's success with over 200 attending. He asked if community members or Council had any questions. He stated he planned to provide future quarterly reports. The Mayor explained there should be a big turnout for *Trunk or Treat*.

Executive Session

Motion by Thompson; second by Poe to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:30pm. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Neal to return to Regular Session. All yea by roll call.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to adopt Ordinance #5-17, First Reading, to waive residency requirement for Fiscal Officer Tina Powell; second by Thompson. Five yea by roll call.

Adjournment

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

Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor