

## Regular Session of Village Council

March 13, 2018

### **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

Mike McKeehan – P

William Thompson – P

Clarissa Walls-Parker – P

Paul Zorn – P

### **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Councilwoman Dane to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018 Regular Session; second by Councilman Thompson. All yeas by roll call.

Mayor Bryant noted Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh and Zoning Inspector Randy Osborn were unavailable for the meeting.

### **Mary Allen / Nathaniel Development**

Mary Allen advised a new phase was planned for the Woodlands and introduced Dan Fisher, Land Supervisor stated a plat record for a new phase of the development was provided for the Village Zoning Inspector; he desired a signature from the Village following the meeting. He advised Ryan Homes would be the builder. Mrs. Shump asked how many homes would be built. Fisher advised the current phase had 52 lots and a new phase would have 32 lots initially and 20 later. Prints were made available for all to view. Fisher responded to individual questions regarding Right of Way and set back. He stated preliminary approval was being sought for the Record Plat Drawing. Thompson posed a question regarding property lines, sighting past difficulty locating property lines. Supervisor Fisher stated metal rods would be used. Solicitor Kaspar advised revisions were requested by engineering previously. Fisher stated the original prints were revised addressing Shawn Campbell's concerns. Mary Allen commented on the process. Fisher advised only easements and property lines for parcels are shown on the Record Plat. Kaspar advised if the necessary revisions were addressed with the Final Record Plat Drawing subject to further approval from Warren County, the plat plan could be approved. Mayor Bryant affixed his signature. Discussion followed.

Mary Allen advised 250 acres were yet remaining. Dan Fisher stated he had a revised plan he would provide the Village. Allen complimented the sales team and their marketing ideas. Councilman McKeehan asked about the Club House which was promised and asked when it would be built. Allen stated approximately two years and the Homeowner's Association would have to pay for it. Councilwoman Walls-Parker asked who would come to an overcrowded pool for 900 people, stating one club house isn't sufficient. Mary Allen commented; there is money in the Homeowner's Association Fund. The people who live in the development will have input.

Mayor Bryant stated Mr. Viox owns a Feed Store on 22 & 3 which butts up to Kibbey Avenue at Route 22 & 3. He has a Kibbey Avenue address. The Mayor stated everything near the property on 22&3 is commercial. Viox's property will look nice; new cement is being poured. He advised the Kibbey driveway is blocked and trees planted; the entrance to the business will be from 22&3. Jerry Viox, the owner, addressed Council and requested the Zoning changed to commercial. Thompson stated there is a dentist office on one side of the business. The Mayor commented he visited the site twice and was in favor of the Zoning change.

Motion by Thompson to approve the Zoning change to commercial for the property at 242 Kibbey Avenue; second by Councilman Zorn. Five yeas.

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Mayor Bryant passed information to Council showing repair required; he advised he watched the drop off for the past three years and asked Council to review the information. The Mayor stated he viewed a 2 hour show on scenic rivers. He stated Todd's Fork is not a historical river as shown on the program; he thought Todd's Fork was a creek. Councilman Zorn stated Little Miami was the first historic river.

### **Steve Arrasmith / Warren County Drug Task Force**

Commander Arrasmith provided a copy of the 2017 Drug Task Force Report to Council and citizens present. He described the structure and resources of the unit, 21 full time personnel from 11 jurisdictions including one FBI, one BCI, troopers and 4 canines. He stated there was not a lot of good news in 2017; the unit was focusing on the interstates. Arrasmith reported one fulltime detective worked on the drug problem and a team of detectives working on investigations. There were 506 criminal cases in 2017.

He stated funding is necessary for this work and thanked the Village for their support. The unit received one grant; the JAG funds for 2018 have been frozen per Washington, DC. County Commissioners stepped up to help them reach the 2018 personnel budget. The Commissioner advised arrest are down although cases are up. Previously, the Miami Regional Crime Laboratory was used, but funds were not available to use the smaller laboratory; BCI is now being used. Heroin/Fentanyl is now available in the cars has helped with overdose deaths. In 2017 there were 9 deaths, down from 30 the previous year. In 2017, a lot of crystal meth was received from the southwest border from drug traffickers in Dayton because of the geographical location, also Cincinnati.

Arrasmith responded to a question on the Ohio National Guard, advising the counter drug unit supports all across the state, especially long term investigations. It is considered active duty military time for participants. Zorn addressed page 3 of the report, noting funding from several communities. He asked about Morrow's contribution for 2017. Arrasmith advised \$1 per person is invoiced to each community annually. Discussion followed.

Mayor Bryant stated 5 or 6 homes were suspected in Morrow previously for drugs. He advised he was unaware of any homes targeted this year in Morrow. The Mayor stated Morrow has been working hard on narcotics; the interstate is a source of drug traffic. Mrs. Shump stated there was no trouble at their new business in Morrow. The Sheriff is maintaining a monthly bulletin on narcom use and various success stories. Discussion followed on rehab and education. Kaspar, referring to page 4 of the report, complimented the work the unit does with some personnel working 80 hours or more a week.

Ralph Blanton, representing Kim Kellerman and Kelly Hill, provided a map and property information to Council. He referred to page 2. He advised he couldn't find anything at Warren County to verify the alley was vacated on Vine Street. Property was surveyed recently with only 3 pins found. For 135' along Kibbey Avenue, no pins were found. Mayor Bryant commented the alley was vacated and split between 2 property owners. He stated Vine Street was vacated many years ago. Blanton stated Warren County does not have a record from the Village on this and the minutes must be reviewed to locate the legislation. Discussion followed. He stated he would return to the maps for more information. He asked that we continue to locate the written information.

### **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.

Walls-Parker advised Daycare owner questioned if signs could be posted on 22&3; she posed a question regarding zoning. Zorn stated he also saw the signs in question. The Mayor advised there is a 29 day limit on having signs in the ground. Thompson stated there is a sign at the light with 7 signs posted. When the building is closed you have 30 days to take the signs down. Poe stated he has people looking at his business property; new owners

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may want to keep the signs. A resident stated the Zoning Code has guidelines. Chief Kilburn provided a copy of the Zoning Ordinance for viewing. Discussion followed.

Thompson stated he built boats with the help of teenagers and wished to build a boat for the policeman to participate in competition. He asked the Village to provide the materials and pay the entry fee. He suggested it come out of the Park and Recreation budget. Three policemen will paddle the boat. The Mayor stated Thompson's canoes are well built. Thompson stated the Regatta is in August. Chief Kilburn stated it was August 12th in 2017. Discussion followed.

Motion by Zorn to provided funding for the canoe and fee up to \$100; second by McKeehan. All yea.

Zorn reported Joey Handstead, president of the Historical Connection wants the newspapers from the Depot's attic. The Mayor commented; removal would be best in warm weather. Zorn provided correspondence and a drawing and discussed an issue raised at the prior meeting. He stated he met with Joe Sisler from Jones Warner regarding the Houston Avenue catch basin in question. He added it was repaired temporarily at one time and is now in need of attention; it is 15' to 20' from the corner of a home. Zorn stated it is Village property. The Police Chief stated he didn't believe it is Village property. Discussion followed. Zorn stated it is an easement.

Zorn gave a progress report on a meeting the Chamber of Commerce held at the old Elementary school. He stated space is available and some of the space has already been rented. Viox stated he was impressed; in Essex Studio, every room had an artist. Discussion followed. Mrs. Whitacre stated plays are planned for the gym.

McKeehan commented on banners on Village light poles for holidays or Spring. He advised Monroe has birds. He would like the Village to investigate the cost. Walls-Parker stated she liked the idea. Mayor Bryant advised Blanchester has them. Discussion followed.

The Mayor advised Randy Osborn will be retiring on April 1st creating a vacancy for the position of Zoning Inspector. He advised Bill Thompson was interested in the job and he was recommending him for Zoning Inspector. Kaspar commented on the conflict of interest and the legality and would do further research. Thompson stated he would resign from Council upon taking the Zoning Inspector position on April 1st and transition with Osborn. He discussed his qualifications included contract engineering, stating he had designed buildings and had construction experience. He would provide a resume if needed. Discussion followed.

Motion by McKeehan to appoint Thompson as Zoning Inspector effective April 1st; second by Dane. Four yea; Thompson abstained.

**Public Forum**

Mary Allen advised there are 200 houses in the Woodlands currently; there will be approximately 800 when the development is completed.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Zorn to adjourn; second by Thompson. All yea.

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Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

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York Bryant, Mayor