

Regular Session of Village Council

June 12, 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

Ben Steiner – P

Clarissa Walls-Parker – A

Paul Zorn – P

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Councilman Steiner to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 Regular Session; second by Councilman McKeehan. Three yea by roll call and one abstention due to prior absence.

Greg Miller / Jones Warner Consultants Inc. – Blackhawk Road

The engineer provided preliminary conceptual plans and cost estimates for Blackhawk Road. Miller provided exhibits for realignments, referred to as Options I and II. He advised Option 1 was a minor realignment and roadway reconstruction with a south shift of 11 feet for the guard rail; the road is 19' and would be widened to 22'. The roadway, 250' to 300' would be removed and rebuilt with new base with minimal impact to existing grading. He recommended a small retaining wall and provided a cost estimate which did not include design cost from Jones Warner. Miller discussed Option 2 which would involve major reconstruction. He reported the guard rail and road would be shifted 41' and address significant grading concerns; the hill would have a substantial retaining wall. He advised the owner of adjacent land was willing to sell some property to accommodate this. Miller discussed concerns and standards and the curb and site distance. He stated the grading would be significantly impacted at the hillside on the inside of the curve. The Mayor stated he looked at the hillside with Shawn Campbell. The engineer commented on the site and distance rule. Mayor Bryant discussed the cost of Option I and stated it was preferable due to the cost; he stated concrete could be dumped over the hill. The Mayor stated Mr. Bennett owns one side and would give us access to work on the project. Miller stated the cost could be less and discussed soil stabilization. The Mayor stated the hill has eroded over the last 15 years. Village Administrator Caroline Whitacre advised the road was now open. She asked how much time was needed for construction. Miller was unsure of the timetable after stabilization work was done. Whitacre inquired about the curve with Option 2. Miller referred to the State Standards and approach angle and curve. He stated more of the bank may need to be removed; concrete barriers are there now.

Zorn inquired regarding ROW. Miller advised Option 1 has a 60' ROW; Option 2 would require more ROW. He stated a power line easement was present. Steiner asked if there was a price for land with Option II. Discussion followed. Whitacre discussed the Grant for Blackhawk Road blacktopping and a possible volume discount. She stated Shawn Campbell is looking into the Grant. The Mayor advised a decision would be made later and thanked Miller for the report and presentation.

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.

Mayor Bryant reported the trailer was at the Water Plant and construction would begin within 30 days. He discussed the flooding from heavy rain on State Route 22 and 3, at the old Chubby's, Luanne Cain's property and on Thompson Street at curve on June 8th. The Mayor stated a tree was down and Police were on the scene. Bill Thompson stated we have video. The Mayor advised we need to reroute the water on Route 22 and 3. The fire truck blocked the road during the rain. The Mayor advised he walked the area with Shawn Campbell; the rain came down at about 3 1/4" an hour.

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The Village Administrator reported on the FEMA Grant Hazard Mitigation pre-application. She advised the Village was not approved to move forward on the grant for \$32,000 for storm water run-off for the eastern section of Morrow. FEMA received 80 applications. She received a letter advising her of Fall grant applications available. She stated the Village has benefited from OPWC Grants; Friday is the deadline for application for 2020 funds available. We are applying for water main replacements near Rochester, Lake Road, Ward Road, Salem Road, etc. We have one pre-application in for 2019, previously submitted by Shawn Campbell; she stated we are taking advantage of grant opportunities. The Mayor commented on Ward Road. Village Solicitor Kaspar read the pending Resolution authorizing the application.

Motion by Councilman Zorn to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #9-18; second by Dane. Four yea by roll call. Motion by Zorn to adopt Resolution #9-18, authorizing submission of application and participation by the Village of Morrow for PY34/2020; second by Dane. Four yea by roll call.

McKeehan discussed the new Warren County Jail construction and Sheriff's office. He reported he met with the Commissioners and learned they have the authority to pass a sales tax increase for the benefit of the County without ballot initiative; thus, the sales tax increase was passed for five years for the new jail. Zorn discussed literature he received from the Warren County Water and Sewer Department, Volume I, Edition I. He stated Warren County rates will go up in January.

The Mayor commented on the banners on all telephone poles in Fayetteville with pictures of soldiers. He stated he hoped the Village could get a cheaper price for smaller banners. Discussion followed. McKeehan commented on banners and a local Mason, Ohio company. He discussed the size of the Monroe banners. Whitacre advised prices were available for 18"X 36", 18"X45, etc. She stated she previously provided quotes for 30"X 60". The Mayor suggested a smaller size. Whitacre stated she would try to resolve the matter by the next Council Meeting.

McKeehan stated he walked the Blackhawk Road area many times over the years and discussed the water running off the hill. A trench to divert water off the hill over to Route 22 and 3 would be needed. Mayor stated there is a 38" pipe near the Cain's home and water poured during the heavy rain, appeared like a river.

Zorn reported sponsorship was needed for the 1st Friday Festival, such as the dumpster by the Village. Whitacre stated the banks and businesses have donated \$100, \$250 and \$500 and booths are available at \$25.00. Bands and Food Trucks will be present. Fiscal Officer Tina Powell stated she was advised on Saturday the Car Wash would be sponsoring Morrow Appreciation Days with a free car wash, food and beverages. The owner asked for the upcoming event to be posted on the web site and she needed permission to do that. The Mayor asked the Solicitor if it was permissible to do so. He allowed the posting to include the 1st Friday Festival for the public event.

Public Forum

Mandy Beamer of Bryson's stated they were interested in donating to the Village banners. She reported on the 4th Annual Car Show held on May 26th; it was fun for the whole community. The Car Show featured 108 cars this year and \$1340 was raised for the Fire Department. Mrs. Beamer advised clean-up was performed after the event and thanked the Village for allowing them to hold the Car Show. She stated the 2019 location for the show is under discussion. Beamer stated they would like to have it at the old Elementary School Parking Lot and provide portalets. Mayor Bryant stated he would like to see it on Main Street next year. Mrs. Beamer stated a lot of feedback was received this year on the Main Street location. The Mayor discussed possibilities, making Main Street more conducive for the show. She stated Family Dollar customers complained about the Car Show blocking the entrance. The Mayor stated the show was great this year. McKeehan stated he had to work

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and couldn't attend; he agreed the group does an excellent job. Zorn stated you won't have to deal with those tractor trailers next year.

Judy Neal on behalf of the Tree Board reported one member resigned and a replacement was needed. A letter of resignation was provided. She also advised the VFW was having a parade for the 100th Anniversary of World War I and asked Council and the Mayor to participate in the parade from the Elementary School to the Cemetery. The Mayor advised he would be there. Neal asked if the group could return to the Village Municipal Building for cookies and coffee; she advised Senator Steve Wilson would be the speaker. She stated Blanchester Family members paid for their banners of soldiers at \$150 each in that community. Mayor stated we will put tables up and meet here after the parade on November 2, 2018,

Motion by McKeehan to appoint Barbara Thompson to replace Jean Mayne on the Tree Board: second by Zorn. All yea.

Bill Thompson discussed the Certificate of Occupancy and the process. If a building is being repurposed by a business, a certificate is needed. He advised there is a requirement in the Code but no fee. Currently, there is a wide variance now. He asked what would be a reasonable fee. The Fire Department completes the work for a Certificate of Occupancy. Thompson asked Council to consider the fee for the next meeting.

Motion by Zorn to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel issues. All yea. Andrea Ostrowski Esq. was asked to accompany Council and Solicitor to Executive Session. Motion by Zorn to return to Regular Session; second to Steiner. All yea.

Adjournment

Motion by Dane to adjourn; second by Steiner. All yea.

Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor