

Regular Session of Village Council

January 8, 2019

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.

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P
Mike McKeehan – P
Jessica Smothers – P

Ben Steiner – P
Clarissa Walls-Parker – P
Paul Zorn – P

Mayor Bryant called for a motion for Vice-Mayor for 2019.

Motion by Councilwoman Walls-Parker to nominate Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh to serve as Vice-Mayor for 2019; second by Councilman Steiner. Five yea by roll call.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Councilman Zorn to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 Regular Session and Special Session; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. 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.

Mayor Bryant commented on his work as Mayor and the years serving on Council; he stated 2018 was one of the best years for the Village with regard to Police concerns, etc. He stated the community played a huge role. The Mayor advised Chief Kilburn and Salem Township were responsible for the Village getting new signs; the posts for the new signs have already been received.

Isaacs-Niemesh inquired regarding the property at the *Point*. Zorn responded regarding the easement #13-12 for the property. Zorn reported he wasn't able to attend the Warren County Regional Planning Commission meeting due to the conflict in schedule, but he obtained the Minutes. Zorn advised the Tree Board asked him to return to the committee; he stated Judy Neal contacted him. The Mayor stated he could be appointed. Solicitor Kaspar advised he could serve but not vote on issues related to the Tree Board.

Mayor Bryant appointed Zorn to serve on the Tree Board. All yea by roll call.

Zorn mentioned Joe Brown, stating he needed a place to park his truck and needed electric. Zorn discussed the new Coffee Shop; the owner was present. The Mayor inquired about the business and the coffee truck. McKeehan asked for clarification. The owner responded, stating he was currently parked behind Mom's Antiques and needs parking space and electricity for the truck. He stated he does a lot of events for the community. The Mayor asked if he was renting from Mom's Antiques. Police Chief Kilburn discussed concerns regarding Main Street parking because of past issues with box trucks, etc. Discussion followed. The Chief stated you can use electric from the vacant Depot temporarily if you pay the electric bill. Zorn asked the amount of the electric bill. Village Administrator Caroline Whitacre stated it was exciting to have the possibility of new business coming to Morrow. Mr. Brown stated Tracy Shump tried to get him to come this summer. He advised he was going to get involved with Joshua's Place. The billing information was provided for the Depot by the Fiscal Officer Tina Powell. Discussion followed.

Zorn also noted the Flag was not lowered for the fallen Police Officer. The Fiscal Officer advised the Village did not receive the email notification; the Governor's office notified the Village late. Councilman McKeehan asked what type of sign Zorn previously discussed.

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He explained it was a portable sign to advertise events. The Administrator stated she was looking into a new sign for the Point because of the wear to the existing sign. Isaacs-Niemesh advised the sign was painted twice over the last eight years.

Administrator Caroline Whitacre advised two CDBG grants were submitted the prior week, one for drainage on Thompson Street to create a diversion structure. She stated she had a video and letter from the residents in the area. The second grant was for GIS system mapping for all Morrow water systems, RCAP (Rural Community Assistance Program) is a contributor to the grant. The Village can pay to have this work done by Warren County Commissioners. Jim Frederick inquired regarding the cost share for the grant the Village would provide. Whitacre stated she put in 10%; the total for both grants is for \$118,000; the Village share is \$11,800..

Public Forum

Joe Reynolds inquired regarding Todd's Fork Reserve where he resides. He stated the development was dedicated 3 to 4 years ago to the Village. He discussed the condition of the roads. Reynolds stated the plat is on Morrow-Woodville at the hill. Kilburn stated the developer blacktopped the road over dirt. Zorn advised the citizen the road was not dedicated previously; Morrow started taking care of the road when it was not its responsibility. The Mayor stated the Village made a recent repair at its expense. Perret and Strasser were developers. Reynolds stated excavation that was done caused sinking and lights are tipping. Reynolds stated water dug across the street was the Village's responsibility. Chief Kilburn agreed with him on that matter. The Mayor asked that the situation be researched. Solicitor Kaspar discussed a Performance Bond. Reynolds stated there wasn't a Performance Bond. Isaacs-Niemesh asked if there was an HOA. One gentleman asked who is responsible for monitoring the development. Another resident asked why taxes are being collected by the Village; he stated he occupied his residence for the past 13 years. McKeehan stated Judge Oda, the Solicitor for the Village at that time, urged Council not to act because the development was not dedicated. Discussion followed.

Jim Frederick asked what could be done to get the street dedicated. Kaspar responded Declarations and Covenants. He referenced 2008 with many developers going under. The Solicitor stated he wanted to research the problem and asked about the Performance Bond. Kilburn stated he drives through the area and lots are currently for sale. Reynolds stated the lots have individual owners and are not owned by the original developer. Discussion followed. Kaspar responded.

Mandy Beamer stated she receives questions on her community Facebook page for the Village government (www.vil.morrow.oh.us) such as where is the new Water Treatment Plant and what is the name of the new business in Chubby's previous location. The Fiscal Officer responded. The Mayor commented. Discussion followed. Bev Massey inquired about the crosswalk. The Administrator stated she received a response stating a permit was not needed. Bev Massey asked if the Plaza was sold. Walls-Parker responded. Whitacre advised the old Elementary School sign has been replaced and the new sign on the building reads Morrow Arts Center.

Reports / Legislation from Village Officials Cont'd

Fiscal Officer Tina Powell advised a leak adjustment was requested for \$343.80 plus penalty. McKeehan asked if the leak was found and repaired. Powell replied no answer was given on the problem; the usage is back to normal. Powell stated the address was 5126 Sullivans Ridge and the leak was from September 20 to October 28th. Mayor Bryant advised only one adjustment is allowed per year for one occurrence.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to approve the leak adjustment requested; second by Steiner. All yeas by roll call.

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Adjournment

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to adjourn; second by Steiner. All yeas by roll call.

Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor