

Regular Session of Village Council

June 11, 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 – A
Mike McKeehan – P
Jessica Smothers – P

Ben Steiner – P
Clarissa Walls-Parker – P
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 14, 2019 Regular Session; second by Councilman Zorn. All yeas by roll call.

Morrow Police Officer Luke Ratliff stated he suggested an activity for the kids of Morrow. He asked Mandy Beamer and Bev Massey to present information to Council. Mandy Beamer described plans that were underway for a day of fun for kids. She advised the Warren County Sheriff, Ohio State Patrol, Morrow Police Department and possibly Maineville would participate. Beamer stated a police versus kids Tug of War was planned, Dunking Booth, Dance Off, Raffle, Whipped Cream Pie in the Face and a movie in Joshua's Place. Services and items would be donated by several businesses and residents, Peter's Entertainment, Don Marie Photography, Chubby's Pizza, Joshua's Place and the Arts Center. Activities are set for July 27th with the movie around 3pm. Ratliff stated Phegley Park would be used with Fire Trucks down to Kibbey.

Beamer advised we are not asking the Village of Morrow for anything. We will need to raise money. We plan to sell Pizza for \$1.00 a slice; the Dunking Booth will raise money. She stated Don Marie Photography is donating the Dunking Booth. Mayor Bryant stated this Council will not object to a community activity for children or the elderly. Beamer stated a gift card raffle is planned and the group would accept donations. She stated she wanted to help raise money for the police. The Village Administrator asked what the event was being called. Beamer advised they did not have a name for it yet. Zorn asked about insurance. Discussion followed.

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 he walked Phegley Park with Council members and selected paint colors, dark gray for the trim. He discussed further improvements desired and asked Zorn if he would inquire if ODNR would pay for a metal roof on the gazebo. He advised he looked at a few buildings in the Village that need work and referred them to the Zoning Inspector. He also discussed the overgrown bushes at the Main Street sign listing businesses and advised Tracey Shump he would remove the bushes. She asked if lights could be added. Discussion followed. The Mayor stated he wanted to make things more presentable.

Village Administrator Caroline Whitacre reported on Thornton Park. She advised Andy McMahan stated Little Miami Youth Football and Cheer is willing to invest in the park and the Village has decided to close the park according to the wishes of the Football and Cheer due to the concerns of dumping issues, etc. The Village will continue to lease the park; citizens will be able to walk through the park but the gates will be closed when sports events are not going on. The Administrator addressed the Todd's Fork Drive Restoration, a full depth repair, milling for driveway leveling with the road and sealing cracks. She reported a fourth quote was obtained as requested and J K Muerer was the lowest bid. Whitacre advised Shawn Campbell asked Kurt Weber to roll our Vehicle Tax funds together for 2 years and he agreed. Steiner asked if J K Muerer worked on the paving job at Morrow

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Blackhawk. Councilwoman Walls-Parker asked which company worked on Hazen Avenue. The Administrator stated if you agree with 2"blackstop, a Resolution is needed. Discussion followed. Solicitor Kaspar read the pending Resolution.

Motion by Steiner to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #9-19; second by Zorn. Motion by Steiner to adopt Resolution #9-19, authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with J. K Muerer for the Todd's Fork Drive Project; second by Zorn. All yea by roll call.

The Administrator advised Salem Township and Morrow will work together on multi-jurisdictional projects where possible. She stated we discussed a Water Main Project for Rochester and Route 22 and 3 previously; that grant application will be submitted in July. A grant pre-application is due on June 14th for a Booster Station to supply consistent water pressure to the Water Tower. Kaspar read the pending Resolution.

Motion by Steiner to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #8-19; second by Walls-Parker. Motion by Steiner to adopt Resolution #8-19, authorizing the Mayor or Administrator to make pre-grant application for Booster Station for water pressure to Tower; second by Walls-Parker. All yea by roll call.

Walls-Parker distributed a packet to Council with costs and descriptions for banners in local communities Honoring the Troops as suggested by McKeehan. Discussion followed. Zorn asked if the Village could set something up for Memorial Day. The Administrator stated the hardware/brackets are costly. Fiscal Officer Powell stated in South Lebanon families paid extra later to help cover the costs. Walls-Parker advised she had contact information for Ron Keith, a local artist; she also reached out to him to sell works of art also. She asked for suggestions of locations where paintings would be nice. The Mayor suggested two locations, including the side of the Municipal Building. Walls-Parker also highlighted vendors and flyers for the Morrow Market and the new sign by Trent hung at the Art Center.

Councilwoman Smothers advised she contacted the photographer and received quotes for the photos for the Village Council and/or staff. She stated emails were sent to Council. Councilman McKeehan commented on the \$35 cost for an 8"X 10"photo. Zorn commented on Historical Society Photo; group photos were suggested. Discussion followed. Smothers stated she would set up an appointment time by the next Council Meeting.

Zorn stated brackets for Village flags are weak. Mayor Bryant advised seven or eight brackets were ordered last year. Discussion followed. Zorn gave a thank you for the street light on Houston. He inquired about painting at the Crosswalk. He asked if there was an Ordinance for grass clippings in the roadway. Chief Kilburn responded legislation for material on roadways exists. Zorn stated his concern was safety. Walls-Parker commented. A resident stated wet grass clippings are unsafe. Kilburn and the Mayor commented. Discussion followed. Zorn also discussed a complaint about Flat Rock and diapers discarded. Chief Kilburn stated we are planning to put a trash receptacle out for that. Kilburn stated it is private property. Discussion followed. Zorn advised a Tree Board meeting was planned for July 8, 2019 at 10am at the Municipal Building and the public was welcome. He stated ODNR would be represented at the meeting which would include a walkabout and discussion.

McKeehan stated Council needed to decide on the pictures Smothers discussed. Smothers stated she would reach out to photographers and asked about the timeline for painting so we can move forward. Several residents commented on photos.

Public Forum

Bev Massey stated Hamilton has a concrete play area and a water fountain kids can run through. She asked if there was a grant Morrow could get for a play area like that. Walls-Parker stated she and Smothers have been talking about it and will discuss it with the

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Village Administrator. Discussion followed. The Mayor stated 5 yards of concrete and \$500 would be enough. Jim Frederick asked if they would recycle.

Tracey Shump asked for information on rental of the Depot. The Mayor stated we met with a group a few months ago. Discussion followed. Whitacre advised she had a written document ready to go; the rental amount is being determined. Tracy Shump stated she is meeting with Executive Director of Warren County Small Business Center. She stated she would like to know what is available for rent and be willing to help promote the Depot rental.

Frederick inquired about brown water in the morning and salt on two subsequent Saturday mornings and the past Monday. Fiscal Officer Tina Powell discussed the concerns and stated there are currently some pressure issues; she asked people to be patient. Discussion followed. Powell stated she would refer the concern to Public Works Department.

Mandy Beamer stated the Car Show was amazing; there were 120 cars and \$2,000 was raised. She thanked Trent for allowing her to use his property at the Arts Center. The Mayor complimented Mandy for her good work.

Massey advised she sold the Salon to another party who is very good. She asked everyone to visit the Salon and new owner. Massey advised she would be at the Salon on Tuesdays.

Reports / Legislation from Village Officials Cont'd

The Fiscal Officer requested a leak adjustment for \$720.00 for 48,000 gallon of water. She provided the circumstances and normal usage patterns.

Motion by Zorn to approve the leak adjustment as described; second by Steiner. Four yea, one abstention by Steiner.

Adjournment

Motion by Walls-Parker to adjourn; second by Steiner. All yea by roll call.

Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor