

Regular Session of Village Council

October 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 – A
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 Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 Regular Session; second by Councilwoman Smothers. Five yea by roll call and one abstention by Steiner.

William Harrison / Chief of Morrow-Salem Fire Department

The Chief announced in cooperation with Warren County Health District and a grant received, Salem Township was sponsoring a Tire Recycling Event October 26th from 9am to 2pm. He advised it was free and everyone was encouraged to participate. Harrison stated all tires must have rims removed. Flyers were provided.

Dan Fisher / Project Manager Woodlands Phase IV

Fisher reported on a 30 lot development at the end of Clements View. He advised DR Horton would be the builder and requested a signature on the plot project plans. The Mayor asked if the drainage project on the hill would be handled. Fisher replied he has been working with a homeowner in the Woodlands; a new storm drain has been added at Jessica Suzanne and Mary Louise. Mayor Bryant discussed the problem across the bridge on the left side of the road on Morrow Blackhawk. The Mayor stated the water was high and Shawn Campbell stressed the work is needed. Fisher advised he had a meeting scheduled that week to address it. The Mayor also inquired about a 4-Way Stop Sign in the Woodlands. Fisher stated it was in the works. The Mayor advised he appreciated how well he and Mrs. Allen have been working with the Village.

Solicitor Kaspar asked if Shawn Campbell approved the drawings presented. He advised he would contact Campbell prior to having the Mayor sign the drawings. He stated they could be picked up after review. Fisher commented; 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 is satisfied how everything is progressing in town. He commented on a property recently condemned.

Village Administrator Caroline Whitacre reported work on the drainage problem we have been addressing for the last 6 months on Virginia and Thompson Streets is completed and scheduled for testing. She recognized Trent and Lisa Heimann and advised the recent Grand Opening for the Arts Center was fabulous. Whitacre stated she was glad the building was saved and salvaged and now houses 20 businesses and Clarissa Walls-Parker has vendors there. Smothers and Councilwoman Walls-Parker commented. The Mayor asked Trent Heimann to discuss an event at the Arts Center for youth basketball in the gym. Mrs. Heimann responded she reached out to the schools and expressed they would gladly donate the space.

Whitacre reported the Ordinance #10-98 amendments discussed at the previous Council Meeting addressed run down properties. She stated the Zoning Inspector will handle those and report to her as Administrator; if there is an issue, the property owner may go to the

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Zoning Appeals Board. She advised the former Citizens Housing Committee was not functional. Whitacre stated the Plaza needs to be addressed; there are six trucks at the Plaza now. Isaacs-Niemesh discussed the second reading of Ordinance #6-19. Kaspar explained Ord. #6-19 should be vacated.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to vacate Ordinance # 6-19; second by Smothers. All yea by roll call.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Ordinance #7-19; second by Smothers. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to adopt Ordinance #7-19, amending Ordinance #10-98.as per Exhibit 1 as presented; second by Councilman Zorn. All yea by roll call.

Kaspar recommended the Mayor sign the Plot Plan for the 30 lots referred to as the Woodlands Phase IV following receipt of confirmation from Jones Warner Consultants, Inc.

Police Chief Heath Kilburn reported on the Ohio Parole Board hearing on October 7th for the Officer Phegley shooting. He advised Anthony McIntosh will remain in custody. Kilburn stated the family and Chief Lafollette were present at the hearing.

Councilwoman Smothers reported on *Meet the Candidates Night*. She thanked Paul Zorn for hosting the event. She thanked Joshua's Place for holding the event. Smothers announced Bella Country Club was under new ownership and would hold an Open House October 20th.

Zorn reported he attended the Warren County Regional Commission Meeting earlier in the evening. He provided flyers with information on 2020 U.S. Census; applications for census takers are available this month and the pay is \$16 per hour. Applicants will need to obtain a Federal ID Badge after applying. He advised those interested could apply for a job online at 2020CENSUS.GOV. Zorn reported that 15% of Warren County residents didn't reply in the past to the census which will be completed this year by July 2020. He provided historical data for the Census from 1790 and advised Carolyn Heppy has information.

Zorn suggested a weight limit sign on Morrow Blackhawk. Chief Kilburn stated that could not be done and would result in a lawsuit. The Councilman also inquired about the \$10 charge on his Water Bill. The charge was explained and the history regarding the new Water Plant, related costs and loan approved prior to the start of construction. Zorn also stated the Tree Board should send letters to citizens affected by the relocation of the Memorial Bricks. He stated permission was given by the Bishop Family. The Mayor and Walls-Parker commented. Discussion followed.

Kaspar read a pending Resolution accepting Warren County amounts and rates and tax levies as determined by the Budget Commission.

Motion by Councilman Steiner to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #10-19; second by Walls-Parker. Motion by Steiner to adopt Resolution #10-19, accepting Warren County amounts and rates determined by the Budget Commission; second by Zorn. All yea by roll call.

Fiscal Officer Tina Powell introduced a water leak adjustment request for 405 Welch Avenue. She stated there was an underground leak, etc. She discussed the standards for approval.

Motion by Walls-Parker to approve the water adjustment; second by Steiner. All yea by roll call.

Public Forum

LuAnne Cain inquired regarding the amended Ordinance #10-98 and the policy/procedure for the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Village Administrator stated she would like to work with her on the procedure.

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Steve Kirscher from Bellbrook, Ohio owns a private ski resort on his property and is currently working with Bellbrook's City Council to open it to the public. He is interested in ski paraphernalia. He stated he went to Morrow's website looking for information on Alpine Ski Resort. He is looking for old maps and artifacts. Walls-Parker advised her family is co-owner of Alpine Ski Resort and recommended contact with Larry Armstrong and Tony Armstrong. She stated she would also check with other family members.

Tim Barowsman stated he is CEO of a new company called Little Miami Gig. He and Det Hunter have formed a business to supply fiber to the home. Barowsman advised they applied to the State and were granted Video Service Authorization Ohio Revised Code 13-32 to 13-34 on September 24, 2019. He advised he delivered a letter of notification to the Village of Morrow. He advised the franchise fee goes to the Municipalities and Townships and described distribution of the fee. Barowsman stated fiber was purchased on State Route 3 that goes to Hamilton, Morrow and all the way to Wilmington. They purchased a vacant property on Pike Street which is soon to be a Data Office. He advised Trent Harmon will allow them to use space until the office is ready. Mrs. Cain asked if they will be able to replace Spectrum. Barowsman stated they would provide services such as Spectrum's soon. Judy Neal asked if the fiber optics would service phone, computer, etc. He described his experience and background. He advised the company will provide high speed internet cable up to 1000 MB. He plans to have a full video suite.

Bev Massey discussed an episode downtown two weeks earlier. She stated her family was targeted and her granddaughter who later made a police report experienced an anxiety attack after being followed. Massey stated an officer responded and dialogue of the episode was posted on Facebook. The Mayor stated this is not an issue for Village Council. Tracy Shump responded. She stated an Officer Ratliff was on duty in Morrow at that time. The Mayor commented on police work in the community and stated he was proud of their effort to rid Morrow of drug activity. Walls-Parker commented.

Mrs. Massey reminded everyone of the upcoming Trunk or Treat for the kids and stated there was a lot of excitement about it.

The Mayor advised Mr. and Mrs. Kumler wished to use the Depot stage to get married on October 12 at 6pm and no alcohol would be served. He asked if Council was in agreement. All were in favor.

Adjournment

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to adjourn; second by Zorn. All yea by roll call.

Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor