

## Regular Session of Village Council

November 12, 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

### **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 October 8, 2019 Regular Session; second by Councilwoman Walls-Parker. All yeas by roll call.

Mayor Bryant called the Wilsons forward. Dave and Katha Wilson presented two beautiful handmade statues, one to the Morrow Police Department and to the Salem Township/Morrow Fire Department for services rendered to the community. The couple was applauded for their thoughtfulness and the labor required to produce such beautiful pieces. The Mayor, Police and Fire Chief and the Administration expressed their appreciation.

### **Shawn Campbell/Jones Warner Consultants, Inc.**

Campbell congratulated the newly elected Council member Jim Fredericks and Councilwoman Smothers and Mayor Bryant on their re-election. He thanked Councilman Steiner for his service to the Village. He reported the recent rain storm diversion measures put in by Freeze to divert water is working fine on Route 22 and 3 at Thompson and Virginia Streets. He advised Woodlands 4A was paved and moving forward with construction and 3B water/sewer is being handled by Warren County. The storm sewers are next. Campbell stated he is working with Village Administrator Caroline Whitacre evaluating a second feed to the Woodlands. He advised there is a feed to the Reserve at Todd's Fork and he has discussed with developer a cross-connection next year to help the flow of water in the Woodlands. Campbell advised he met with the General Contractor for the Water Plant who reported they are on schedule to turn the plant over at the end of the year. There will be a punch list that will be addressed. Tech-Line and Jones Warner will fine tune everything to turn over the softener for the testing to be done. He stated the Water Plant is running on Well #3 and new Plant #1. Campbell advised the manganese content in Well#3 was high; media filters were changed and levels are now below the EPA threshold.

Councilman McKeehan asked how the budget for the new Water Plant was looking now. Campbell reported we are about \$120,000 over. The Mayor expressed concern about the budget. Shawn Campbell advised there are unknowns; pipes are underground. Councilman Zorn asked if Western Water was being used. The Mayor stated the valves are minimally open; there was heavy use for six weeks. Campbell advised we won't need to use them after lab tests; Plant #1 is doing well supplying everyone. Jim Fredericks inquired regarding the Woodlands and the T-connection. He asked if it would improve the flow of water. Campbell stated it would improve pressure. Mayor Bryant asked when will you drain the swamp along Blackhawk Road. Campbell advised Woodlands Project Manager Dan Fisher apologized it was to be done 2 weeks ago; flags are marked. Weather slowed them down. The Mayor noted Fisher attended a Planning Commission meeting at the Municipal Building at 5:30pm today.

### **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 several events, Christmas on Main and the Community Christmas Dinner are planned in town and urged everyone to come out and participate. He noted the

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Community Christmas Dinner would be the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December with horses and buggy on hand if weather permits. The Mayor advised he wished to give Mrs. Ducker a plaque for her work each year providing stuffed animals for Christmas.

Smothers reported the door on the Book Library was broken and is being repaired; it will be sturdy. She stated she was excited about the election results. Smothers stated she was pleased being elected for a new term starting in January.

Isaacs-Niemesh discussed Christmas on Main taking place on November 30th. Walls-Parker thanked Mrs. Massey for the Trunk or Treat initiative. She stated the weather was good, many participated. The Mayor stated 2019 was the biggest crowd for Trunk or Treat. Walls-Parker stated the parade for Christmas on Main will also be larger this year and the route needs to be enlarged. Police Chief Kilburn stated the Village Administrator wants to start at the Arts Center. He shared the proposed route path, from the Arts Center to the Bridge onto First Street, Second Street and back to Main Street.

Steiner congratulated Jim Fredericks and Jessica Smothers for their election victories. Zorn reported the Sweet Gum trees have been planted and application for Tree City USA has been filed. He stated a new street light near the VFW is needed. Discussion followed. Zorn advised Stacy J. Morris called him about a missing brick; he stated there wasn't one for a Robert Morris. Zorn advised he logged and removed all the bricks for transport. He congratulated those elected and those currently serving the Village of Morrow. He asked Mrs. Shump to comment on the Bridge painting.

Tracy Shump stated she has been working with the Warren County Small Business Development Center. She stated a grant presentation was scheduled for Thursday, November 14th; Memorable Morrow would be competing against 6 groups for a \$500,000 grant. She stated the bridge needed cleaning and highlighted plans. Discussion followed. She advised the time line for approval was 8 to 12 weeks. Isaacs-Niemesh asked when the group would know. Shump stated November 20, 2019 if it passes Warren County scrutiny.

McKeehan congratulated those newly elected and re-elected incumbent Village officials. He thanked Steiner for his service. He explained the reason for his absence from previous Council meetings; he stated he lost his Dad. He thanked everyone for their acts of kindness.

### **Public Forum**

Tracy Shump advised Christmas on Main will have 13 vendors, Patriot Grill, Food Trucks, Joe's Mo Joe and Little Patch of Heaven. She stated Elvis would be singing Christmas Carols. Shump asked if vendors would be allowed to plug into the poles. Mayor Bryant stated the service is 110 volts and asked if she was referring to a short time. She replied 3 hours. Mrs. Shump stated Wanda Morris purchased ornaments and wanted to know if she could hang them. The response was yes.

Motion by Smothers to adjourn to Executive Session for personnel matter at 6:38pm; second by McKeehan. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to return to Regular Session at 6:55pm; second by Steiner. All yea by roll call.

### **Adjournment**

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

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Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

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York Bryant, Mayor