

Regular Session of Village Council

February 11, 2020

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.

Jim Frederick – P

Jessica Smothers – P

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P

Clarissa Walls-Parker – P

Mike McKeehan – 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 January 14, 2020 Regular Session; second by Councilman Zorn. All yeas by roll call.

Shawn Campbell / Jones Warner Consultants, Inc.

Campbell provided an update on an area of standing water in the Woodlands. He stated he is working with the developer to swell out rather than backhoe. Campbell discussed the progress at the new Water Plant. He stated Councilman Frederick and the Mayor visited the plant on February 11th. He reported Plant II was fired up February 11th and the crew will disinfect through Thursday, February 13th. Campbell stated we are taking bacteria and manganese samples; the softening process will begin in two weeks. He advised salt will be delivered this week per Public Works Mike Hanna. Exterior painting will be done when the weather is warmer. The contractor will move out of the plant in two weeks. The softener will be fine-tuned. Campbell stated Bulk Water will be up in the next two weeks; the token machine is there and new meters have been purchased.

Frederick asked is there a plan for edge lines/stripping on Front Street and Woodville Road. Campbell stated he was not familiar with that paving job. Campbell stated stone is popping through; the road was closed near Blackhawk. Frederick also asked about Woodville Road, near Morrow Blackhawk, by the upper Woodlands. Campbell advised that is a County job, but he would get more information. The Mayor asked Campbell to get a quote for stripping for Pike Street to the bridge. Campbell asked if rings and risers should be included.

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 advised he must appoint members for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Solicitor Kaspar stated Frederick who now serves as a member of Council may not serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate. Luanne Cain expressed concern and asked for clarification. Discussion followed. Due to expired terms, the Mayor appointed Susan Robinson and Joe Stevens to new 6 year terms, effective immediately. Council concurred. Kaspar advised there is a vacancy for one alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals; an alternate will be appointed at the next Council meeting.

The Mayor advised garbage rates will need to increase. He suggested a \$1.00 increase per month. He quoted waste collection rates for South Lebanon are more than \$34 every two months. He stated our current Rumpke rate is \$31.46 per month. The year 2011 was the last increase to Morrow residents. Fiscal Officer Tina Powell explained the current status, stating the number of new homes has helped to keep the line item in the black. Kaspar recommended defining specifics and asked that Council defer the matter to the following monthly meeting. A question was raised regarding water billing for trailer parks with bulk meters. The Fiscal Officer advised she would research. Councilman McKeehan stated the Village has done well for many years with no increases.

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Mayor Bryant posed a question regarding Bishop Park. He stated he previously petitioned Council for a monument. He advised he donated sod and Odor donated gravel; Heath, Cindy and the town pitched in to do the work. The Mayor stated the flags are hanging torn and provided pictures. Discussion followed. Councilman Zorn stated he replaced and put up flags previously. Zorn stated he had new flags and would take care of it. Mayor Bryant commented on bushes he requested through Zorn and the cost of seven trees planted by the Tree Board. McKeehan asked what type of trees were planted. Zorn responded. Discussion followed.

Village Solicitor Kaspar presented a Resolution to purchase road salt from Warren County for 2020-2021. Discussion followed.

Motion by Frederick to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #1-20; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to adopt Resolution #1-20, authorizing an agreement with Warren County to purchase road salt for 2020 to 2021; second by Frederick. All yea by roll call.

Kaspar explained an Ordinance was needed on an emergency basis for adoption of the 2020 Ohio Basic Code. He read the pending Ordinance.

Motion by to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Ordinance #2-20; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to adopt Ordinance #2-20, approving and adopting the 2020 Ohio Basic Code; second by Frederick. All yea by roll call.

Kaspar discussed the easement for the property at the Point sighting documents of record and recorded deed. Frederick discussed the sign at the Point, the options and design. He stated he has costs for replicating the current sign and is waiting on additional documents. Mayor Bryant stated the sign in front of the Municipal Building blew away. The Mayor advised he would like a sign similar to the Fire Department, maybe a rotating sign. Frederick asked do we want a sign at the other end of town. He discussed and highlighted the Comprehensive Plan, page 44 and discussed the Historic District. Discussion followed. The Mayor stated the State may help with signage.

Isaacs-Niemesh commented on progress at the Plaza. Zoning has reported street lights in, awnings repaired and some trees down. She also asked about another property on 202/204 Pike Street. Powell explained the Zoning Inspector is taking pictures and working on the problem; the church is condemned.

Isaacs-Niemesh advised there is a Levy on the ballot on March 17th, a 5 year emergency renewal of 9.92 mil, previously 13.95 mil. It is 1/5 of the school's operating budget. The local salaries are lower than other areas of the State. She distributed flyers. McKeehan expressed his concern that Ohio is taxing property versus income sales tax to fund schools.

Zorn advised the Tree Board wishes to change its meeting date and time to the 1st Thursday at 10am.

Motion by Frederick to accept and record the regular meeting schedule change for the Tree Board; second by Councilwoman Walls-Parker. All yea.

The Fiscal Officer presented two Leak Adjustment requests for 101 Miami Street and 5071 Mary Louise Court for Davis and Copenhaver, respectively for \$645 and \$556.50 respectively.

Motion by Frederick to approve the adjustments totaling \$1201.50; second by Smothers. All yea by roll call.

Public Forum

No comments

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Adjournment

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

Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor