

## Regular Session of Village Council

April 14, 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 via online media.

Jim Frederick – P

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P

Mike McKeehan – P

Jessica Smothers – P

Ben Steiner – 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 March 10, 2020 Regular Session; second by Councilman Frederick. Five yea by roll call, one abstention.

### **Chief William Harrison / Salem/Morrow Fire Department**

The Chief discussed the citizen input during the March Council Meeting concerning the mail boxes and parking situation in the Woodlands. Emergency vehicle access is hindered. For safe access, he recommended *no parking* on the hydrant side of the roadway. He stated new mailboxes on the hydrant side of the street would also allow access for mail delivery. Village Solicitor John Kaspar discussed whether legislation was required, stating it could be done by executive order temporarily. Mayor Bryant commented. Police Officer Hawk clarified the Fire Chief's proposal would not be temporary and involved a large area in the Woodlands. Kaspar advised he would look into it further before adopting an Ordinance with specifics and locations identified and requested the matter tabled until the next Council meeting. Mayor Bryant commented. Frederick inquired if *no parking* signs were on hand. The Mayor gave the quantity available; Village Administrator Caroline Whitacre advised more would be ordered if needed.

### **Reports / Legislation from Village Officials**

Mayor Bryant discussed COVID19 and the terrible outbreak. He urged everyone to listen to the scientist. He shared his concerns for first responders, medical personnel and those who lost their lives during the pandemic. The Mayor called for a *moment of silence*.

The Administrator advised Council members that reports which are usually provided for the Council meetings were available in their mail boxes, Village Fiscal Revenue Status by Fund Summary, Bank Reconciliation and Disbursements, Mayor's Court Report and Bank Reconciliation. She stated arrangements could be made for pick-up. Whitacre reported receipt of the formal approval of a Warren County Community Development Block Grant for \$158,000 to landscape, purchase playground equipment and some restructuring for Phegley Park. Her efforts were applauded. The Mayor stated he appreciated her efforts in obtaining the grant. Whitacre advised the Yard Sale by the Chamber of Commerce for May 2nd was postponed. She also reported on zoning activity, advising there was no slowdown in building permits processed; sixty-seven were issued to date in 2020 and forty-seven of them were for new homes.

Councilman Zorn reported the Warren County Regional Planning Commission meeting was cancelled for April. He advised the water bags were in place for the new trees in Bishop Park and must be filled every 5 to 7 days; approximately five more water bags are needed. Zorn stated Arbor Day is cancelled for April and the Mayor may reschedule a local event at a later date.

Village Solicitor John Kaspar presented a Resolution temporarily suspending water service disconnects for nonpayment and late fees in compliance with Ohio HB 197. He recommended passage on an emergency basis.

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Motion by Frederick to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #2-20; second by Councilman Steiner. All yea by roll call. Motion by Steiner to adopt Resolution #2-20, approving and adopting temporary suspension of water service disconnects and fees for the Village of Morrow in compliance with HB 197; second by Frederick. All yea by roll call.

**Public Forum**

No comments

**Adjournment**

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

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Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

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York Bryant, Mayor