

## Regular Session of Village Council

May 12, 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 April 14, 2020 Regular Session; second by Councilwoman Smothers. All yeas by roll call.

### **Shawn Campbell / Jones Warner Consultants**

Campbell reported on the progress at the Water Plant. He advised a six man crew would be working at the plant the following day. He discussed Bulk Water service, advising the existing water meter was not working and could not be used. Campbell reported the softening process was started and bulk chlorine would be in the following Tuesday. Testing results for filtration on Plant 2 was good. The test results on Well 3 were also good news; manganese was not detected. Smothers asked about the softening process. Campbell explained the cross member pipe would be connected; the target is 200 grains. He stated we will find the median between 150 and 200 grains; there will be a noticeable difference in the softness of the water. Village Administrator Caroline Whitacre asked when Bulk Water would be available. Campbell stated a new meter was ordered and should be installed within a week. He advised Mike Hanna cleaned the coin machine and tokens may be used.

Mayor Bryant asked when the *swamp* in the Woodlands would be drained. Campbell advised the trench was in, but the work must be delayed until the weather dries out. The Mayor stated the trench was not doing the job. Discussion followed. Campbell stated Dan Fisher will bring in an excavator. Councilman Frederick asked when the gravel would go inside the gate at the water plant. Campbell advised it would be the following week; erosion/grading would need to be corrected where the tank previously overflowed. He discussed the correct backwashing procedure. Frederick addressed the barb wire fencing. Campbell stated it would be fixed; there is a one year maintenance bond on all the work. Campbell advised adjustments have been made on the well; it has been working fine for the last three weeks.

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

The Chief reported he prepared a policy for the new hydrants in the Woodlands development and delivered the plan to the Village Administrator. He stated he also spoke with Public Works Mike Hanna. Harrison discussed the purpose and specifics of the policy which would begin with flushing hydrants in the Spring. He advised cadets would paint, clean, remove the lids, repair and color code the hydrants to identify reverse threaded hydrants. He would then provide a report of work completed. Isaacs-Niemesh asked about the cost to the Village. The Chief responded the Fire Department would provide the manpower and the Village would pay for the material. Discussion followed. Whitacre stated it's great for the Village; our cost will be minimal for materials and replacement parts. She asked for objections from Council members; there were no objections. The Administrator stated she would provide a copy of the proposed policy to Council members for review. The Mayor asked if the Fire Department would number the hydrants. Chief Harrison replied Hanna explained a map of hydrants was currently being prepared.

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**Reports / Legislation from Village Officials**

Monthly Village Fiscal Revenue Status by Fund Summary, Bank Reconciliation and Disbursements, Mayor's Court Report and Bank Reconciliation were provided for Council.

Mayor Bryant advised the Little Miami Chamber of Commerce rescheduled the Yard Sale for the first weekend of August. He stated the local Car Wash would open the Automatic Carwash in early June.

Village Administrator Whitacre advised First National Bank was cancelling the First Friday Festivals at the Plaza for this summer. She reported ODNR repaved the Bike Path on the west end of town along Kibbey Avenue. Whitacre stated the trail has substantial asphalt which is concerning; it is elevated and somewhat dangerous. Trent's parking lot is torn up behind Joshua's Place. There is a pile of trees and debris near Phegley Park. Whitacre advised she contacted ODNR. The Administrator stated ODNR is working with her on the assessment of the Flood Plain Management System; she advised the Village passed an Ordinance in 2010 updating the Flood Plain Management for the Village. Whitacre discussed the 2019 grant from the Rural Community Assistance Program which enabled the Village to electronically map water mains, meters and hydrants with the help of Warren County Engineers.

Councilman Zorn reported Melissa Clark of ODNR advised work on the Bike Trail would not be done until the Fall due to current circumstances. Wendy Vanburen is working on a list for replacement trees. He advised Trent expressed concern regarding equipment parked on his property. Zorn stated the VFW will hold a small Memorial Day service on May 25th, no parades. He also voiced concern about the use of plastic equipment for the playground at Phegley Park. The Councilman reported there were 2 poles damaged on Welch Road at US Route 22 and 3. The Administrator asked for clarification regarding Phegley Park. Zorn stated he hopes environmentally friendly equipment is used there.

Councilman McKeehan inquired regarding the HOA meeting for the Woodlands originally scheduled for April 15th. Frederick advised the meeting was cancelled. Discussion followed. No information was available regarding rescheduling.

Isaacs-Niemesh thanked Officer Luke Ratliff for his service and wished him the best in his new position. She expressed concern for a former Village of Morrow Council member, wishing him the best during his medical care. Mayor Bryant wished John Poe the very best and asked all to keep him in their prayers. He stated Poe served Rochester and also Salem Township previously.

Fiscal Officer Tina Powell stated there would not be a parade for Memorial Day, only a service at the cemetery

**Public Forum**

No comments

**Adjournment**

Motion by Frederick to adjourn; second by Councilman Steiner. All yeas by roll call.

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Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

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York Bryant, Mayor