

Regular Session of Village Council

June 9, 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 Smothers to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 Regular Session; second by Councilman Steiner. All yea by roll call.

Shawn Campbell / Jones Warner Consultants

Campbell reported on the progress at the Water Plant. He advised we have started draining the plants; the plants are completed with the exception of some weather related items. Bulk water pumped over the weekend; a correction is needed; Badger Meter will be out this week. Campbell addressed the security fence concern previously raised by Councilman Frederick; the barbwire was installed incorrectly. The general contractor advised the fence was in that condition when the project started. EADS from Milford posted new signs on the fence which they installed during 9-11. The company stated they were told to install the fence as it is currently because of the soccer field activity. Campbell requested they change it as it should be; he was advised it was labor intensive and there would be a cost. He inquired if the Village wanted to pursue it; he advised the sharp barbwire is on the interior. Frederick asked for the written proposal and two additional bids. Councilman Zorn advised leave the fence as is if there is no liability. The item was tabled until a later date.

Campbell reported he had two discussions with Dan Fisher with regard to the bottoms area; he stated they are committed to doing the necessary work. Campbell advised to date there is no activity; there has been a lot of rain. Hanna has a couple things he is addressing at the Water Plant. Campbell advised there will be a change in the water composition; softening to 150 grains will take a little time. He stated the water will be softer than Warren County's new system. McKeehan inquired if the water softening was operating now. Campbell explained the brine is in, actuators are in, but it is not at optimal grain. There is a bypass lane; 150 to 170 grains will be great which will happen before the end of the month. Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh inquired about the softening process. Campbell stated the chemistry must be done slowly, calculating actuators and setting brines. Frederick asked if the project would be complete by the next meeting. Campbell responded yes, with the exception of the painting. Smith Corp. is complete; it is in Tech-Line's hands. Frederick asked for the contract date. Campbell stated 12/31/19 for the general contractor. The walkway is not complete and staining should be done this week, weather permitting, Campbell advised. Discussion followed.

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.

Village Administrator Caroline Whitacre advised the Village Offices would reopen on June 15, 2020; Mayor's Court sessions will resume on June 11th. The staff will be back to work full-time on June 15th. Whitacre discussed the Hydrant Inspection documents provided to Council and reviewed the process, cadet's duties and the Village's responsibilities. The Administrator advised labor would be provided by the Fire Department and the Village would provide materials/repairs. She reported hydrants will be numbered sequentially rather than S or M for Salem and Morrow identified; there will be a record for each hydrant.

Regular Session of Village Council

June 9, 2020

Whitacre referred to the hydrant inspection form which cadets will complete. Frederick inquired regarding GPS and GIS. The Administrator stated systems will be merged and easy to connect. Whitacre also advised the new amended Ordinance 10-98 is working well. She reported Ron Kilburn is working on Hazen Avenue, Thompson, Overlook, Main and Miami Streets addressing properties with debris and high grass. Whitacre stated ninety-five Zoning Permits have been issued this year which is a 30% increase over last year, but new home building permits have slowed recently. The Administrator advised Dan Fisher states the momentary slowdown won't last.

Isaacs-Niemesh called for a moment of silence for John Poe, a former Village of Morrow Council member who passed away. Whitacre advised a Memorial Service was planned for John Poe on Saturday, June 13, 2020, visitation from 10am to 12pm at Countryside YMCA in Lebanon; the service will be at noon.

Frederick advised Memorable Morrow on Saturday, June 20th from 9am to 3pm, would provide repairs, cleaning, removing brush, etc., a little beautification around the community. He advised two projects were lined up, a house repair on Main Street, brush clean up on Welch Road and possibly Pike Street if time permits. He made a plea for help.

Zorn advised a Tree Board Meeting was held on June 8th. He acknowledged water bags were filled earlier in the day, but four more water bags were needed. Mayor Bryant stated Fiscal Officer Tina Powell would order them. Zorn advised Arbor Day must be scheduled in the Fall; he suggested for the ceremony planting a tree at Children's Park to replace the dead tree. Regarding the FEMA plan, he stated the Tree Board hoped Thornton Park could be designated for the program, which specifies a place for storm debris to be stored. The Administrator explained the program.

Zorn stated Warren County Regional Planning Commission held a virtual meeting at which they held elections. He advised Flag Day was approaching and inquired about the flags for the main highway. Zorn stated he would like to see them stay up through July 4th. The Mayor stated we will need help and may need some new flags. Zorn and Smothers volunteered to help. Zorn commented on the Memorial Day Ceremony at the cemetery. He stated there is an Unknown Soldier plot there; he would contact Blanton and inquire. Whitacre stated Salem Township maintains records for the cemetery.

Councilman McKeehan asked when we will start the project at the park. Administrator Whitacre advised approvals are needed from Warren County for Flood Plain Assessment by the engineer and some bids.

Fiscal Officer Powell submitted two leak adjustments for approval. She advised both met qualifications, one for \$187.50 for 502 Rivers Fork Drive and for 478 Welch Road, Lot B for \$73.30 and \$74.50.

Motion by McKeehan to approve the leak adjustments; second by Steiner. All yea.

Powell advised a Special Public Meeting was required in July to present the Tax Budget. The meeting was scheduled for 7pm on July 14th following the Council Meeting at 6pm.

Public Forum

Walls-Parker advised the Morrow Market would be open on June 27th, 10am until 2pm. She stated many vendors would be participating and social distancing would be observed.

Adjournment

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

Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor