

## Regular Session of Village Council

August 10, 2021

### **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 Solicitor, John Kaspar. The following members were present.

Jim Frederick – P

Jessica Smothers – P

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P

Ben Steiner – P

Mike McKeehan – A

Paul Zorn – P

### **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Council to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 Regular Session and Special Session to be done in August due to absences in both meetings.

### **Shawn Campbell**

Mr. Campbell updated council on the Woodlands of Morrow section 4B. This section was previously approved by the Planning Commission and Jones-Warner. Mr. Campbell also updated information regarding Blackhawk Road and the conjoined effort of the developer and the Village to complete the renovation by the end of this year. 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.

The Mayor stated that the Morrow Market is doing great this year. The Mayor made a statement regarding the Erwin vs. Morrow case.

The Administrator introduced the new Village water system operator, Phil Kaufman. Phil is a licensed water operator which puts us in a position to submit our own lab results. Phil came from the Village of South Lebanon and started his position with the Village on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Second, the Village is eligible for some American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money. Approximately \$130,000 should be received. These funds will be restricted just like the CARES money. An additional opportunity, Housebill 168, water and sewer infrastructure, could be used for a booster station that is needed for the Woodlands and surrounding areas to increase water pressure. Councilman Frederick asked if the water loop thru the Woodlands is connected. This connection of the water lines is to be finished within the next 3 weeks.

Next, we have taken some bids on the repair of the railing across from Joshua's Place on 22 & 3. Ashlee Fence has come in with the best bid to touch up and redo some concrete work.

Lastly, the Administrator presented the Ordinances regarding Storm Water Regulations from Warren County. A packet was given to council to review at the last meeting. Detailed descriptions by Whitacre and Campbell followed regarding each individual Ordinance. Discussion followed.

Kaspar presented Ordinance #3-21 approving and adopting regulations for the Village of Morrow Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control with a motion to suspend the rules. Motion by Smothers to suspend the rules; second by Frederick. All yea. Motion by Smothers to adopt Ordinance #3-21; second by Zorn. All yea. Motion carries.

Kaspar presented Ordinance #4-21 approving and adopting regulations for the Village of Morrow for Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination with a motion to suspend the rules.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to suspend the rules; second by Steiner. All yea. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to adopt Ordinance #4-21; second by Steiner. All yea. Motion carries.

Kaspar presented Ordinance #5-21 approving and adopting regulations for the Village of Morrow for Post-Construction Storm Water Runoff Control with a motion to suspend the rules. Motion by Frederick to suspend the rules; second by Smothers. All yea. Motion by Frederick to adopt Ordinance #5-21; second by Smothers. All yea. Motion carries.

A request from council for a fee schedule regarding the Ordinances and details on who needs to approve each request will be provided within the next couple of meetings.

Councilman Zorn asked a representative from Miles Ahead and Ohio Alleycat Resource to discuss the cat issue. Mr. Zorn announced the Auxiliary Post and the VFW will host a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary remembrance for 9/11 to be held at noon at Morrow Memorial Park. Two large flags will be hanging on the railroad bridge.

Councilwoman Smothers stated that a runners event on the bike trail near Phegley Park left a large amount of gathered trash that needs to be picked up. The Street workers will pick up the following day.

Solicitor Kaspar read an official response to set the record straight in regards to a media released story on the litigation of Erwin vs. Morrow. This official response is an attachment with the meeting minutes and is posted on the Village of Morrow's website.

#### **Public Forum**

Mitchell Fisher had a few questions regarding how the Village finances will be affected by the pending litigation. He was also announced as a gentleman who will be running for council.

Mr. Kaspar stated that because of changing case law we are required now specifically to cite the statute and the reason why we go into executive session. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22G1 a motion to go into executive session to appoint a new Clerk of Council and Zoning Inspector was made by Councilman Steiner; second by Smothers. All yea.

#### **Executive Session**

Motion to return to regular session made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Steiner.

Mr. Kaspar presented a Resolution approving the appointment of Tina Powell as Clerk of Council as well as Fiscal Officer with a motion to suspend the rules. Motion to suspend the rules by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Frederick. All yea. Motion to adopt by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Frederick. All yea. Motion carries.

#### **Adjournment**

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

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Tina Powell, Clerk of Council  
& Fiscal Officer

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York Bryant, Mayor