

Regular Session of Village Council

September 14, 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 – A

Mike McKeehan – P

Paul Zorn – P

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve July 13, 2021 Regular Session made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Smothers. All yeas. Motion to approve July 13, 2021 Special Session made by Frederick; second by Smothers. All yeas. Motion to approve August 10, 2021 Regular Session made by Frederick; second by Smothers. All yeas.

Shawn Campbell

Mr. Campbell updated council on the Woodlands of Morrow water system. The water systems for the two sides of the Woodlands have now been connected and check valves installed which should increase water pressure. Discussion ensued regarding a booster station, but the developer believes that individual booster stations in homes for the next two sections would be more beneficial than a large booster station at this time. Eventually as the Woodlands moves on to other sections, a booster station may be needed.

Mr. Campbell expects a proposal for the anticipated schedule for widening and paving Morrow Blackhawk Road within the next couple of weeks. This will be in lieu of putting in turn lanes. The goal is to have this completed before the end of the year.

Mr. Campbell reviewed information regarding American Rescue Plan grants submitted for Morrow to the State of Ohio thru Warren County. These included a grant for water systems improvement, a construction grant for 22 & 3 water mains and a design grant for booster stations for Roachester & the Woodlands.

A fee schedule was submitted to council for the storm water regulation Ordinances that were approved in the last meeting.

Discussion regarding individual booster stations and water pressure 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 Administrator introduced the new Village zoning inspector, Vic Center. Vic has substantial zoning experience and started with the Village on September 1st. The Village has also hired a new maintenance worker Damien Lloyd. He will start on September 20th.

Second, the Administrator updated council on a major leak behind the car wash. Thanks to Phil Kaufman for finding the faulty valve and getting it fixed.

The Village received a message from the Pastor of Morrow Nazarene Church asking if council would approve a community outreach to welcome people of the community. They would like to deliver a silent sincere prayer and leave a gift bag on villager's doorstep. Solicitor Kaspar stated that we cannot approve or disapprove their 1st Amendment Right so the Village will not comment.

Councilman Zorn announced that ODNR will remove the trees on the bike trail after October 31, 2021. Zorn also wanted to thank everyone that attended the 9/11 ceremony and for Tracy Shump who organized the event. Zorn informed council of a matching grant for \$2,500 to plant 10 trees in the Village. Council will consider this request and discuss in the future.

Councilman Zorn asked if the October Village Council meeting can be moved to 6:30 due to a Warren County Regional Planning Meeting. Council agreed to move the October meeting to 6:30.

Councilwoman Smothers informed council that there will be drop boxes for gently used kids Halloween costumes around the Village. A box will be located in Village Hall. Smothers also announced that the MAC will be hosting Spookyville on October 30th.

Councilman Frederick announced the last zoning meeting will be September 28th @ 7:30 at the MAC.

Public Forum

Adjournment

Motion by Frederick to adjourn; second by Smothers. All yea.

Tina Powell, Clerk of Council
& Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor