

Special Session of Village Council

November 17, 2021

Special Session of the Village of Morrow Council was called to order by Mayor York Bryant at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. The Mayor led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken thereafter.

Jessica Smothers - Present
Ben Stein - Present
Jim Frederick - Present
Paul Zorn - Absent
Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh - Present
Mike McKeehan - Present

There being a quorum, the Special Session was convened for business. Solicitor Kaspar requested the special session to discuss pending litigation with respect to the case of *Erwin vs. the Village of Morrow, Ohio*, and immediately requested adjournment to executive session due to the sensitive nature of the subject matter and attorney-client privilege. Frederick moved and Steiner seconded. All present in favor.

Executive session having concluded, Frederick moved to reconvene the special session, with second by Steiner. All present in favor, the special session was reconvened. Solicitor Kaspar updated Council with respect to the status of settlement negotiations and moved the Council to authorize the Mayor or his designee to settle the controversy between the Village and Plaintiff Erwin on certain terms and conditions within the scope funds previously set aside by Council, and that time was of the essence. As such, Solicitor Kaspar asked for approval of the resolution on an emergency basis. Terms and conditions of resolution would also include dismissal of the cause of action against the Village such that no further proceedings could be brought against the Village again. Finally, the parties would agree not to disparage one another to the public.

The matter was opened for deliberation and debate by Council. After deliberation and comment, Frederick moved to suspend the rules, with second by Steiner. All present in favor. Frederick then moved to approve authority for the Mayor or his designee to settle the controversy under the terms and conditions presented to Council, with Steiner seconding the motion. All present in favor, none opposed. Resolution carried on an emergency basis.

There being no further business at the prompting of the Mayor, Frederick moved to adjourn the special session, seconded by Mr. Steiner. All being in favor, and none opposed, the Special Session adjourned.

Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor