

## Regular Session of Village Council

January 11, 2022; 6:00 pm

### **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 – A

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P

Ben Steiner – P

Mike McKeehan – P

Mitchell Fisher – P

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

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve December 14, 2021 Regular Session made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Steiner. All yea except Frederick who abstained. Motion to approve December 14, 2021 Special Session made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Fisher. All yea except Frederick who abstained.

### **Appointment of Vice-Mayor**

First order of business is to appoint the Vice-Mayor for 2022. The Mayor asked for a nomination by council. A nomination for Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh was made by Steiner and seconded by Frederick. All yea except Isaacs-Niemesh abstained.

### **Shawn Campbell, Jones Warner Consultants**

Mr. Campbell updated council on successfully submitting the CDBG grant application to Warren County for the water valve project. Lobbying efforts will begin. A narrative letter was also submitted to emphasize the importance of the need for water valves in the Village. Time line on this grant should be late February or March. Money will not be available until August.

Mr. Campbell also updated Council on the booster station progress. A new water booster station will be needed toward the second half of the current year for the Woodlands of Morrow. Jones Warner has already begun to get prices and information together for this project. There will be more information and an update at the next meeting.

### **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.

### **Zoning Code Option 4 Discussion**

Vic Center, Zoning Inspector, updated council saying that Heath Kilburn will be going to Columbus January 17<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the Salem Township Trustees to a meeting regarding zoning code updates from the state. Vic asked council to table this for a month until he hears from Kilburn regarding updates and has more information at the next meeting. Isaacs-Niemesh made a motion to table Zoning Code Discussion until next month; McKeehan seconded. All yea. Vic informed council that he closed out books for 2021 and 188 zoning codes were completed last year of which 89 were new home constructions.

The Administrator updated council on a donation for Phegley Park. A donation was made to the Friends of the Little Miami Bike Trail, and they have decided to allocate these funds to Morrow. The donor has been funding kiosks for the bike trail. A kiosk and a bench will be donated. The kiosk will have information for the bike trail on three sides and one side about the Village of Morrow. Two bids for playground equipment are currently in hand and we should have the final bids soon. We will start construction on this project in the early Spring.

Phil Kaufman updated council on finding meters and valves. The Leak Survey was recently completed and a list of possible leaks was provided to the Village. There is one main leak left on Pinecrest Drive. Kaufman stated how grateful he is for the GIS system. Discussion followed.

Councilman Fisher asked how many full time employees does the Village have?

Councilman Steiner asked for an update on the items needing to be sold on gov.deals. There was discussion about calling a Koehler representative to look at the large generator in order to know the price it could be sold for.

Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh stated that it is Law Enforcement Appreciation and we have some great ones! Thank you for your service to this community.

The mayor discussed the need for a new pickup truck for the Village. Discussion followed. Options for different trucks with the state bid will be brought to the next meeting.

**Public Forum**

Tracy Shump updated Council on a Valentine's Day Dance on February 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at the MAC hosted by The Do Good Mission.

Fred Carmack asked when the Depot grant would be available and what would be done with it. Discussion followed.

**Adjournment**

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

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Tina Powell, Clerk of Council  
& Fiscal Officer

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York Bryant, Mayor