

Regular Session of Village Council

March 8, 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.

Mitchell Fisher	Jim Frederick - A
Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh	Jessica Smothers
Mike McKeehan	Ben Steiner

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve February 8, 2022 Regular Session made by Fisher; second by Steiner. Smothers abstained. Councilman Frederick is absent. Majority approved, minutes adopted.

Major Arrasmith, Warren County Drug Task Force

Major Arrasmith updated council regarding Warren County's drug task force by distributing the annual report. Major Arrasmith thanked Council for the Villages' support. Primary locations and operations for the drug task force are Warren County and Wilmington. The multi-jurisdictional concept is the most efficient way to target drug trafficking. A large percentage of the cases every year are from outside of Warren County coming in to distribute. Being located between Cincinnati and Dayton makes this area very susceptible to high drug trafficking. The annual report was discussed by the Major. Major again thanked the Village and Police Department for all of the support given to the drug task force. The Mayor and council thanked the Major for his time and work accomplished by his team. Council discussed a possible contribution to the Drug Task Force and recommended \$1000 at this time and review for additional funds in 6 months time.

Water Tap Fee Schedule

Special council meeting scheduled for March 22 @ 6:00 pm to discuss and set.

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.

Mayor appointed Agnes McIntosh and Andrea Joffe to the Village of Morrow tree board.

Administrator updated council on the prices for Phegley Park equipment and informed council that it is time to order equipment. Equipment is 7 pieces = \$82,000 this includes shipping and installation. The poured rubber for the park is \$75,000. Morrow will prepare the ground by digging and doing any concrete work that is needed. Volunteers will be needed to do the landscaping. The amounts given will utilize the entire grant. The time frame is expected to be a June installation.

Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh asked about what is going on with the Kohler Engine and other items that need placed on gov deals. Isaacs-Niemesh wanted an update on the zoning code. Carol, Vic and Heath will be meeting and reporting next meeting.

Councilman Fisher asked when the Village will be repaving Welch Road. The Village is currently waiting on a grant that will pay for water main repairs and complete the paving. There is work under the street and drainage issues that must be fixed before paving is complete. Fisher announced a Tire Recycle event in Harlan Township on April 23rd at the Fire House.

Solicitor Kaspar presented Ordinance #1-22 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING, AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2022 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF MORROW, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to suspend the rules made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Steiner. All yea. Motion to adopt Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Steiner. All yea.

Vic Center, Zoning Inspector, updated council regarding the purchase of 100 Hazen Avenue by Warren County Water and Sewer. Chris Brausch has been invited to the next meeting to provide council information on what to expect when the project is complete. Mr. Center also informed council that LM Gig is starting their new project in Roachester.

Public Forum

Tracy Shump questioned if anyone had information regarding the selling/purchasing of the old Morrow Lumber building. The Village has no official information at this time.

Adjournment

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

Tina Powell, Clerk of Council
& Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor