

Special Session of Village Council

March 22, 2022; 6:00 pm

**Call to Order**

The Special 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
Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh	Jessica Smothers
Mike McKeehan	Ben Steiner

**Water Tap-In Fee Schedule and Rates**

Administrator Whitacre introduced the discussion of water tap-in fees by stressing the importance of a decision being made to the schedule due to the upcoming growth of Morrow and the possibilities of new businesses. The majority of tap fees collected by the Village are residential and cost \$3,835.00. The Woodlands of Morrow pays \$4,835.00. This was set up by the developer when the subdivision began. The \$1,000 difference is placed into a separate line item to be used for Woodlands infrastructure items only. For example, some of the money will be used for the Woodlands Booster Station to be done in 2022.

A packet was given out by the administrator that included some surrounding areas tap fees, for example, Warren County, South Lebanon, Montgomery County and Xenia. These examples were given to show prices in our area so that council would be able to make a comparable and reasonable decision. The main reason for this tap fee schedule is to have this set for commercial builders coming into Morrow. Generally larger meters are for commercial buildings.

Discussion followed. Water Tap Fee Schedule is as follows:

5/8"	\$3,835.00
3/4"	\$3,850.00
1"	\$8,650.00
1 1/2"	\$15,000.00
2"	\$32,000.00
3"	\$40,000.00
4"	\$60,000.00
6"	\$65,000.00
8"	\$110,000.00
10"	\$150,000.00

Resolution #2-22 approving and adopting the water tap fee schedule and declaring it an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules made by Frederick; second by Steiner. All yea. Motion to adopt made by Frederick; second by Mitchell. All yea.

Next, the topic of water usage rates. Current usage rates are \$36.00 bi-monthly for 0 – 6,000. For more than 6,000 gallons the rate is \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons. Information regarding rates is attached (in packet). Discussion followed. Council decided to leave water rates the way they are currently.

Council asked to move the next regular meeting on April 12 to 6:30 pm due to Warren County Planning Commission meeting that is attended by some council members.

**Adjournment**

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

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Tina Powell, Clerk of Council  
& Fiscal Officer

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York Bryant, Mayor