

## Regular Session of Village Council

April 12, 2022; 6:30 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  
Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh  
Mike McKeehan

Jim Frederick  
Jessica Smothers  
Ben Steiner

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

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve March 8, 2022 Regular Session made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Steiner. All ye.

### **Chris Brausch, Warren County Sanitary Engineer Warren County Water and Sewer Department**

Mr. Brausch informed council that the Warren County Water and Sewer Department with the approval of the County Commissioners have purchased 100 Hazen Avenue. This property will eventually be used to hold a sewer storage tank. This tank will be needed as the Village grows, and the project will likely not occur for several years. The Water and Sewer Department has torn down the house and is in the process of leveling the ground, seeding grass and maintaining a pleasant area. Questions were asked regarding the aesthetics of the storage tank. Mr. Brausch stated that the majority of this project will be underground. There will need to be small buildings for power and controls. The department will try to keep the appearance of this area as nice as possible per the request of council.

### **Rumpke Rate Schedule**

The Rumpke rate schedule was reviewed by council to be certain that the Village is maintaining an appropriate rate not over or under charging. It was agreed by council that the rates are appropriate for now.

### **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 mayor requested that a picture of Mitchell Fisher be taken and placed on the wall in Village Hall with the rest of council.

Administrator informed council about issues that the Water Operator, Phil Kaufman had been working on at the 75K water tower across from the fire station. The existing generator was about to give out and Phil, Mike and Damien worked with 2 back-up generators to find a solution. Issues with the generator affected the pressure in the Pinecrest and Knollwood area. This was worked on quickly by our guys with restoration of pressure and one of the back-up generators is in place and working, until the total renovation of the booster station at the 75K plant is undertaken later this year.

Councilman Fisher informed council of information he gathered regarding the large generator in the maintenance building. Mr. Fisher discussed possible costs if the Village were to start the generator or do any maintenance. Mr. Fisher also discussed possible revenue from the sale of this equipment. Discussion followed. Council agreed that the best option is to sell the generator as is. Councilman Frederick has contacted two companies who might be interested in purchasing. This discussion will be continued at the next session of council.

Councilman Frederick stated that a date needs to be set to have a work session updating the zoning code. Discussion followed. A special council meeting will be set by the Administrator.

The mayor asked council to think about paying off the maintenance building. This would save on interest and flood insurance. The mayor asked the Fiscal Officer to bring information to the next council meeting so that a decision can be made.

Solicitor John Kaspar received a letter from Public Entities Pool of Ohio requesting payment for legal representation of the Village in the case of Irwin vs. the Village of Morrow. The total reimbursement of legal fees is \$82,792.19. Council asked Mr. Kaspar to ask for an itemized bill from the legal team and will make an informed decision next meeting.

Solicitor Kaspar presented Resolution #\_\_-22 to Amend the Woodlands PUD with regards to the entrance/turn lanes into the Woodlands since this was changed from turn lane construction to widening the road and road improvements on Blackhawk Road instead. Motion to suspend the rules made by Frederick; second by McKeehan. All yea. Motion to adopt made by Frederick; second by Fisher. All yea.

### **Public Forum**

A resident of the Woodlands of Morrow, Danny Constable, stated his concern with keeping some green space that is near his home. The mayor along with council informed Mr. Constable that the approved plat plans for the Woodlands is what we will have to follow. Dan Fisher with Red Hawk Development stated the same.

Wayne Beyerlein with Jones Warner Consultants introduced himself to the Mayor and council. Mr. Beyerlein has been involved with several projects with the Village, mostly helping with water and EPA.

Motion was made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Fisher to move to executive session to discuss a personnel matter. This session was requested by the Village Administrator.

Motion to return to regular session made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Frederick. All yea.

### **Adjournment**

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

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Tina Powell, Clerk of Council  
& Fiscal Officer

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York Bryant, Mayor