

## Regular Session of Village Council

May 10, 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  
Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh  
Mike McKeehan

Jim Frederick  
Jessica Smothers  
Ben Steiner

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

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meetings. Motion to approve March 22, 2022 Special Session made by Steiner; second by Frederick. All yea. Motion to approve April 12, 2022 made by Steiner; second by Fisher. All yea.

### **Fred Carmack, Small Music Event**

The property known as Todds Fork Adventures would like to have a small music event called Todds Fork Revival and requested council to allow the event to happen. Mr. Carmack previously spoke with the mayor and zoning inspector prior to this meeting. There will only be 250 tickets sold to see 7 blue grass style bands on July 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. He would like to hire the Village of Morrow police for security and possible traffic control. Tickets are pre-sold online, no sales at the gate so traffic should flow smoothly. Traffic patterns have been worked out, no camping where parking, dumpster, restrooms and insurance coverage have all been considered or worked out. Event will stop at 11:00 pm both nights per noise ordinance. Discussion followed. Council is excited and gives blessing for event.

### **Legislation requested by ODOT for Road Improvement**

ODOT has requested for the Village to approve legislation to upgrade all systematic signs. ODOT will bear 100% of cost. Ordinance 3-22; the State has determined the need for the described project: Systematic sign upgrade on all ODOT routes excluding, IR-71, IR-75, SR48, and SR 123 in Warren County. Motion to suspend the rules made by Frederick; second by Steiner. All yea. Motion to adopt made by Frederick; second by Fischer. All yea.

### **Property Line for 323 Main Street**

Herbert Erwin, real estate broker and auctioneer, currently has 323 Main Street under contract. According to the Warren County Recorder's Office, that surveys by satellite now, the property line appears to run thru a portion of the house. Mr. Erwin is calling this an encroachment on the property. The new title agency would like an affidavit that the Village is aware of this encroachment. In the future, repairs could be completed on the house, but if torn down, a replacement structure would have to be rebuilt within the boundaries of the property. Mr. Erwin provided a draft affidavit stating that the building has been encroaching on the adjoining property for 90 years and that Village Council will not force the removal of the encroachment so long as the building currently situated is not raised. Mr. Fisher asked for verification that the Village is being asked to just acknowledge the encroachment, and not changing property lines, or losing property.

Solicitor Kaspar stated that his advice is not to sign, because the Mayor does not have personal knowledge of each fact on the affidavit. It is a quiet title issue between the purchaser and the seller. Discussion followed and it was decided to take the advice of Solicitor Kaspar and not sign.

### **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 Bryant discussed paying off the maintenance building at 153 E Pike Street. Payments of \$2,964.17 twice yearly at 4.75% interest are currently being made. Payment of \$39,699.14 would pay the remainder of this loan off. The mayor asked for a motion to pay off this building in order to be rid of the mortgage, interest and flood insurance. Motion to suspend the rules made by McKeehan; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All yea. Motion to adopt Isaacs-Niemesh; second by McKeehan. All yea. Next, the mayor discussed the purchase of a pickup truck. No progress has been made. The shortage of chips for trucks is what is causing the delay for the state bids. Prices of trucks to be brought to next meeting. Discussion followed.

Village Administrator discussed the painting of the flower boxes on the bridge. Once painted, they will be placed on both bridges of Morrow (US 22 & SR3 as well as SR 123). Next, there is a flyer in the packet for St. Zachery's Haven family day. This is a non-profit sober living farm in the process of opening and they are holding a family event on Sunday, May 15th.

Councilman Frederick discussed the generator being sold to a company for \$2,500. This includes them bringing a flat bed truck and we load the generator.. If we want it up and running then sell it, they would give us \$6,000 but it might take up to \$3,000 to get it up and running and renting a crane to load on flat bed. Discussion followed. Decision will be made later. Next, Mr. Frederick inquired with regards to the trails project on RPC's Warren County agenda and it was stated that when Morrow made the comprehensive plan there was notation made that the Village was interested in pursuing the trail project. The county has left it on the books. There is no funding or plans unless we pursue it.

Councilwoman Smothers brought up a bad spot on Welch Road. It is currently surrounded by cones. The maintenance workers are aware and will be sure to take care of it.

Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh congratulated Administrator Caroline Whitacre for her award from Ohio State University. Ms. Whitacre received the Distinguished Service Award at Ohio State spring commencement ceremony.

Councilman McKeehan brought up the storm drain at the corner of SR 123 and SR 22&3 by the drive thru. This drain continues to overflow. Phil Kaufman stated the maintenance department is aware and waiting for this area to dry up in order to be able to fix this drainage issue.

### **Public Forum**

New owner of Miranda's Ice Cream, Sig Rippe, announced they will have their grand opening on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Zorn brought a few items to council. A clogged drain behind the MAC and planting a tree for Arbor day in the updated Phegley Park were a few of these items.

**Executive Session** requested by Administrator for personnel and planning matters. Motion made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Steiner. All yea.

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

### **Adjournment**

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

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Tina Powell, Clerk of Council  
& Fiscal Officer

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York Bryant, Mayor