

Regular Session of Village Council

August 9, 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 - Absent
Ben Steiner

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve July 12, 2022 Regular Session made by Frederick; second by Steiner. All yea. Motion to approve July 12, 2022 Special Session was made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Frederick. All yea.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Brant Fulks – Update on Railroad Bridge

Brant Fulks is the administrator of the Capitol program in the division of Parks and Watercraft at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. This department owns the bike trail and bridge going thru the Village of Morrow. Memorable Morrow petitioned the State a couple of years ago for capital money (money used for large construction projects) to paint the railroad bridge. Memorable Morrow was awarded \$400,000.00. ODNR will administer the project. Capital money is not used to just paint but needs to be used as fixing structural damage as well. Ohio has passed a new capital budget for 2023 – 2024. With this new budget, an additional \$600,000.00 has been awarded to ODNR for this project. This project will include fixing structural damage, cracks and painting/updating the bridge. The entire process of bidding and contracting will take a couple of years before to complete.

Jones Warner Engineering, Shawn Campbell

Mr. Campbell updated council on the progress of the new booster station in the Woodlands of Morrow. Sitework has been completed, equipment has been purchased and now ready to build. Mr. Campbell is requesting three separate contracts for LMK Enterprises for a total of \$109,338.00 as seen in breakdown in packet. Resolution 6-22 authorizes the mayor or his designee to enter into contract with LMK Enterprises and declaring an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules made by Frederick; second by Fisher. All yea. Motion to adopt made by Steiner; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All yea.

Mr. Campbell also mentioned the storm drain issue on Welch Road and stated that the contractor will be in that area soon and will take care of this situation.

OneOhio Region 14 Bylaws and Resolution

The Village Administrator presented the OneOhio Region 14 Bylaws regarding disbursement of settlement proceeds from opioid litigation into Ohio's communities to help abate the opioid crisis. Every form of government in the state has been asked to pass this resolution. Resolution and bylaws were placed in council's packets. Resolution 7-22 is to approve participation in Region 14 Governance Structure Under the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding and declaring an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules made by Frederick; second by Fisher. All yea. Motion to adopt made by Frederick and Steiner. All yea. Motion carries on an emergency basis.

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 Village Administrator had three items for council First, a music video was produced in Morrow on Morrow-Blackhawk Road. The Village is recognized in the credits. Next, the Village put in a grant for the second half of Welch Road. Previously there had been storm sewer and paving completed up to Pattison Street from 22&3. This grant is to

finish the project. This was put in last year but not funded by the State. The Village is putting this grant back in requesting less money from the State and will be using part of our American Rescue Plan money to fund the remainder. The Village is proposing to use \$40,000 of ARPA funds. Two documents in the packet; approval of final application and approval to use \$40,000 of American Rescue Plan funds. Resolution authorizing the submission of the PY36/2022 OPWC final application and participation for the Welch Road rehabilitation project, phase 2 and declaring an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by McKeehan. All yea. Motion to adopt Resolution #8-22 made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by McKeehan. All yea. Seeking Resolution #9-22 approving using \$40,000 in ARPA Grant funds and suspending the rules. Motion to suspend the rules made by Steiner; second by Frederick. All yea. Motion to adopt made by Fisher; second by Steiner. All yea.

Third topic is an update on Phegley Park. At least ten companies responded to the Request for Proposals by the county. The Village is waiting on the deadline to pass and will work with Warren County on reviewing the proposals as well as getting the project contracted and underway.

Fiscal Officer discussed a couple of leak adjustments requested by customers. Council discussed both leak adjustments and approved accordingly.

Public Forum

Paul Zorn would like Council to dedicate a specific location for tree debris and notify FEMA with this location in case of a disaster. Mr. Zorn thanked council for the shirts for the Tree Board. Arbor Day will need to be set soon and a location is to be determined to plant a Buckeye tree. This issue will be discussed more next month.

Joyce Demitt, property owner on Main Street asked council to look into cleaning out the street gutters on Main Street. Ms. Demitt also spoke about the paving in front of her property.

Solicitor Kaspar presented two possible resolutions to council in regards to prohibiting sale, auction, donation or other means of divestiture of Village property of value to the Mayor, members of council, officers, employees or agents of the Village or their families. Discussion followed. Resolution 10-22 Motion to suspend the rules made by Frederick; second by Fisher. All yea. Motion to adopt made by Frederick; second by Steiner. All yea.

Motion to adjourn to executive session requested by the Administrator regarding the purchase of real property and personnel. Motion was made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Frederick. All yea.

Motion to return to regular session made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by McKeehan. All yea. Discussion regarding changing the starting hourly wage for Police officers to \$30.50. This will change Officer Hawk immediately to this rate and discussion will follow at a future time in regards to Officer Hawk and Chief Kilburn as to what their wage will be based on the new minimum hourly rate. Resolution approving the starting rate of \$30.50 per hour for police officers and declaring an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules Frederick; second by Fisher. All yea. Motion to adopt Frederick; second by McKeehan. All yea.

Councilman Fisher asked if council meetings could be moved to 6:30 from now on due to scheduling conflict. Council approved to move meetings to 6:30 from now on.

Adjournment

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

Tina Powell, Clerk of Council
& Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor