

## Regular Session of Village Council

October 11, 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 - Absent  
Ben Steiner

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

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve September 13, 2022 Regular Session made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by McKeehan. All yea except Jim Frederick who abstained.

### **Warren County Court – Judge Gary Loxley and Judge Rob Fischer**

Judge Loxley and Judge Fischer updated council on the Warren County Court system. The judges have kept the Mayor and Council updated every two years since 2014 except in 2020. A presentation was given to highlight the work accomplished by the Judges. Warren County Court covers everything not covered by the 3 municipal courts in Warren County. Judge Loxley has an outreach of Veteran's court and Judge Fischer has a mental health docket that he calls his success docket. Both of these specific courts are an outreach to help those in need who find themselves in the court system. Both judges were thankful for the council's time and attention.

### **Jones Warner Engineering, Joe Zistler**

Mr. Zistler updated council on the Woodlands Booster Station. Warren County has changed the way permits are handled which is taking more time than previously planned. The contractor is currently on site and will have the station standing within the next few days and hoping by the end of next week to have a trial run. The generator will be coming mid-October. The project is beginning to move quickly and should be complete soon. The other project that Mr. Zistler has been involved in is a drainage problem on Overlook and Virginia. Looking at the issues, it was found that a building structure is over the drainage system. This then causes drainage problems on Virginia and Thompson. A recommendation will be made by Jones Warner to the Village to fix this entire area. Discussion followed.

### **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 reiterated the difficulty of finding a police officer. The Village is still seeking a qualified officer to fill the vacancy in the Police Department.

The Village Administrator presented council with a proposal for painting of the Alpine Water Tower.

The water operator, Phil Kaufman, brought this to council last meeting. Carol informed council that this tower has had deferred maintenance for many years, and is in need of painting to maintain stability of the tower. Phil Kaufman recommends that the Village choose the Midco bid which comes with a lower bid and a longer warranty. Questions regarding this project include: masking, temperature, time of year and type of paint. Discussion followed.

The Administrator also updated council on Phegley Park. The equipment has been ordered and should be here in December or January. The Village will be responsible for taking down the old equipment and disposing of it. Phil, Mike and Damien trimmed all of the trees at the

park in preparation for the new equipment. We hope to have the new playground equipment installed before spring. Installation will take approximately 5 – 7 business days and will include playground mulch.

Lastly, the police chief asked the administrator to bring up an Under Speed Vehicle Program. This is essentially allowing golf carts to drive on the streets in Morrow. This has been tried in other communities and has been very successful. The only thing that would change is that people with golf carts will have to maintain a permit and license. The speed limit is fine throughout the Village. Discussion followed.

Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh discussed the possibility of self-nomination by letter to replace Councilwoman Jessica Smothers who has moved out of the Village of Morrow. The term would be a one year term that would fulfill Smothers term. It was decided that during November - collect nominations, December - review and January - appoint. Residents interested in filling the role of the empty council seat will need to send their information/resume to the Village of Morrow to the Mayor's attention.

Councilman Frederick asked what was going on with the hydrant at the corner of Morrow-Woodville and Morrow-Rossburg. Since there is a hydrant so close, this hydrant can be removed since this hydrant either needs replaced or removed. Mr. Frederick discussed running a sidewalk down 22 & 3 to the new subdivision, Valleyview, and then run a waterline underneath the highway. This would tie into the current waterline and place a hydrant at the end of the line in order to try to lock out Western Water from coming into the Village limits. Discussion followed.

### **Public Forum**

Penny Hahn asked council to consider paving in front of her house on Miami Street and to take care of the alley behind. The mayor said that when there is some extra blacktop, possibly from the subdivision, we would try to get the 60 – 80 feet in front of her house taken care of.

Paul Zorn informed council that the Tree City application deadline is the beginning of December.

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

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

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Steiner 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