

## Regular Session of Village Council

April 11, 2023; 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.

Kiley Dane

Jim Frederick

Mike McKeehan

Mitchell Fisher

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh

Ben Steiner

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

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve March 14, 2023 Regular Session made by Fisher; second by Steiner. All ye.

### **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.

### **Major Steve Arrasmith – Warren County Sheriff's Office & Drug Task Force**

Major Arrasmith updated council with the 2022 Annual Report. The Warren County Drug Task Force is an initiative of the Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). The multi-jurisdictional unit specializes in the investigation of drug trafficking, prescription drug diversion, money laundering and other drug related crimes. The 2022 Annual Report was provided and discussion followed. The Mayor and Council expressed their gratitude to the Major for all that he and the Task Force do for the Village of Morrow and Warren County.

### **Village Officials**

The Administrator discussed the radar speed limit signs for the Village. The administrator asked Andrea Joffe to share with council what the HOA board in the Woodlands of Morrow decided for their area. Joffe informed council the HOA decided that unless it is a movable sign it is not going to be useful in the same spot continually. Joffe requested an additional stop sign be placed near the water tower.

The Administrator informed council that she has two quotes for battery-operated speed limit signs. A&A Safety was the more reasonable quote. Council agreed to place an order for 2 battery operated signs on Welch Road near the school zone.

The Mayor announced the upcoming events for the Village are the Yard Sale and Bryson's Car Show. The mayor was also very pleased with the attendance of the last two events, Phegley Park ribbon cutting and the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Administrator had five items she covered with council.

1. Thanked everyone for attending the ribbon cutting at Phegley Park on April 1. Friends of Little Miami State Park (FLMSP) will be planting a pollinator gardens by the restrooms at Phegley Park, as well as building a kiosk. Trees will also be planted, red bud and dogwood trees.
2. Thornton Park is rented to Little Miami Football and Cheer organization. They will be bringing a plan to council to continue to improve Thornton Park at no expense to the Village.
3. The water tower in the Woodlands of Morrow will be painted next week.
4. Estimates for the electrical work in the plaza are coming in. This work is for the parking lot lights and the overhead canopy.
5. The Village needs a dump truck. This will be dedicated for winter usage.

Councilman Fisher requested more benches at Phegley Park.

Solicitor Kaspar advised council to take their time and look thru proposed information placed in their packets in regards to Golf Carts in the Village of Morrow. Discussion

followed and the mayor decided to move on to the next subject. Kaspar discussed the property titled to the State of Ohio at the Depot. Kaspar informed council there would be a cost for the survey of this property. Council decided to move forward with the survey and Kaspar will keep council informed of the price and any other information. Next, the Woodlands water tower property survey and deed are in the works. Lastly, Kaspar is working on a form for contractors in case of accidents. For now, be sure they are covered by their own insurance.

**Open to the Floor**

Andrea Joffe updated council on the Tree Board. Joffe also asked council to look around the Village for a place to plant a tree for Arbor Day.

**Adjournment**

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

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Tina Powell, Clerk of Council  
& Fiscal Officer

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York Bryant, Mayor