

Regular Session of Village Council

December 13, 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
Ben Steiner

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve November 1, 2022 Special Session made by Fisher; second by Steiner. All ye. Motion to approve November 8, 2022 Regular Session made by Steiner; second by Fisher. All ye. Motion to approve November 16, 2022 Special Session made by Fisher; second by Frederick. 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.

Jones Warner Consultants – Shawn Campbell

Mr. Campbell updated council on the Woodlands of Morrow Booster Station. The only items not in place are the generator and the restoration of the fence. The next project will be re-building the booster station at the water tower in Roachester. Discussion followed. Mr. Campbell thanked council for their confidence and partnership with Jones Warner Consultants.

Christmas on Main Event - Review

Administrator, Caroline Whitacre, discussed Christmas on Main details and the overall desire of council for this event. The discussion centered around having vendors or not and whether to charge them a deposit. It was decided that vendors were desirable and to charge them a deposit of \$15 with electric and \$10 without electric. The desire of the mayor and council is to make Christmas on Main a major event for the Village of Morrow. Discussion also followed regarding changing the time to a half hour earlier. Line-up at 4:30 and Parade at 5:00. Council would also like to keep the large rented flood lights for next year as well.

Morrow Plaza – Update

The Administrator updated council on the progress of the Morrow Plaza purchase. The closing took place on November 21st. No semi parking signs have been ordered. The Administrator will be meeting with each proprietor to inform them of the change of ownership and to discuss what their pressing issues are in the various units. Whitacre is also working on the tax exemption form. This must go thru both county and state levels. Insurance has been purchased to cover the Plaza for \$12,000 per year.

The Mayor would like to thank all of those who helped make the Community Christmas Dinner, the Christmas Parade and Christmas on Main a success.

The Administrator updated council on the filming of a major movie – Wise Guys – in and outside of the Village. The movie stars Robert DeNiro and is scheduled to be released in 2023. The Morrow Arts Center along with other places in the Village were used as staging areas, make-up/dressing rooms, parking and movie scenes.

Councilman Frederick updated council on the latest RPC meeting at Warren County. The county is still interested in pursuing the bike trail from Morrow to Wilmington and would like to have the Village's cooperation.

Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh informed council that she has received a quote for a portable speed limit sign with the option of an additional data package. This quote was received from A&A Safety. Councilman Frederick also has received a quote. Both will be given to the Administrator. Isaacs-Niemesh would like to thank Chief Kilburn for all of his extra time and effort at this time while the police department is short staffed.

Councilman McKeehan asked what project was going on at the point. He was informed that Duke Energy is updating gas lines in that area.

Motion to adjourn to executive session to consider the appointment of a public employee or official. Motion was made by Steiner; second Frederick. All yea.

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

Mayor nominated Kiley Dane to fill the empty councilmember seat. According to Ohio Revised Code Section 731.43. This will be effective as of January 1st, 2023. Motion made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by McKeehan. All yea.

Adjournment

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

Tina Powell, Clerk of Council
& Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor