

## Regular Session of Village Council

May 9, 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 – A  
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 April 11, 2023 Regular Session made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Fisher. Frederick abstained. All others yea.

### **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.

### **Kirk Ramsey II – 402 Pike Street**

Mr. Ramsey spoke on behalf of the owner of 402 Pike Street in regards to building an additional four family apartment behind the current apartment building. Mr. Ramsey stated he has been in discussion with the zoning inspector and wanted to make council aware of the situation. The next step will be to take this request to the Planning Commission to rezone this property from B2 to R3. The Village is requesting a letter along with pictures and property description to move forward. Planning Commission will make a recommendation to Council, who will then rule on the matter.

### **Trent Heimann – Morrow Arts Center**

Mr. Heimann introduced Janelle Hemrick to council. Janelle works with Myles Ahead and Baker House Animal Hospital to neuter cats and dogs. A program is being offered thru the summer to those who live in the Village to have their cats or dogs neutered. This is a free public service for the Village of Morrow. A flyer will be sent to the Village and placed on the website.

Mr. Heimann requested that council consider approving the use of Golf Carts in the Village limits of Morrow. Mr. Heimann believes golf carts would be a great start to making the Village of Morrow special and moving forward. Mr. Heimann spoke with over 80 people that would like to see golf carts allowed in the Village. Discussion followed regarding safety and rules. Administrator Whitacre pointed out the OBC 73.16 in council's packets, council would need to approve an ordinance or a resolution to make specifications. Mr. Heimann questioned if there was a possibility to reconnect upper and lower Kibby Avenues for easy access to the plaza from Main Street. The question was raised if the golf carts are currently street legal, and can they drive thru the Village now. Discussion followed. It was decided by council and the mayor to create a committee with a couple of council members, Mr. Heimann and other members of the community to assess golf carts and make rules and regulations to present at an upcoming meeting.

### **Shawn Campbell, Jones Warner Consultants**

Mr. Campbell updated council on the following items:

1. Woodlands Booster station deed & legal description – has been in contact with Administrator and Solicitor regarding this.
2. Center Street – Pricing on paving from bike trail to 22&3 and the basketball court. This will be in packets for next meeting.
3. Rehab on Depot – working with Administrator
4. Easement Document – Duke – at the Rochester booster station – in the packet Solicitor Kaspar asked council to consider a Resolution approving authorizing easement to Duke Energy Ohio Inc and declaring an emergency. Motion to waive the rules made by Steiner; second by Frederick. All yea. Motion to approve made by Frederick; second by Steiner. All yea.

**Village Officials**

The Mayor informed council Phegley Park stays busy all the time and the children are loving it. The mayor also stated that the Village Yard Sale was a great success this year with many people participating.

The Administrator informed council the remainder of the Bradford Pear trees were removed on Main Street, new trees have been planted and more will be planted during the fall. There are a variety of trees planted and an emphasis was placed on flowering trees. The Administrator asked for a couple of volunteers from council for the District Public Works Integrating Committee. Volunteers are Fisher and McKeehan.

Councilman Frederick reported that a request was made to him by some residents of the Woodlands to park a police cruiser in the subdivision to help with speeders.

Councilman Fisher complimented the new paint job and lettering on the water tower in the Woodlands of Morrow.

**Open to the Floor**

Darren Viox introduced himself to council and announced that he will be bringing a new business to Morrow, Viox Windows. He also informed council that another new business will be going in beside him, Epic Stitch. This will be an upholstery and canvas for boats business.

Andrea Joffe updated council on a Woodlands HOA meeting that was attended by Fisher and Frederick. The HOA is requesting no outlet signs, painted cross walks and no parking at the end of cul-de-sacs. These items have been taken to Dan Fisher.

Paul Zorn announced that the Village of Morrow has been a tree city for 10 years and has received its anniversary sign and flag from ODNR.

Motion to adjourn to executive session made by Frederick; second by Steiner. All yea.

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

**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