

Regular Session of Village Council

June 13, 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 - A

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve May 9, 2023 Regular Session made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Fisher. Dane abstained, Steiner absent. All others yea, adopted by majority.

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.

Molly Conley, Director - Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District

Director Conley invited the Mayor and Council to an event, Float the River on Friday, July 21 from 8 am – 1:30 pm at Clint Fultz Park Shelter. This is the first year for this event. The intention of the program is to connect local decision makers to the valuable natural resources in their jurisdictions with the focus on the Little Miami River. This event is a paddle tour on the Little Miami River with a leadership luncheon to follow. Director Conley provided flyers and an invitation to everyone in the meeting.

Shawn Campbell, Jones Warner Consultants

Mr. Campbell updated council on the following items:

1. Award JK Meurer for paving of Center Street and Basketball court at Phegley Park in the amount of \$45,000 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to enter into contract with JK Meurer. Motion to suspend the rules made by Frederick; second by Mitchell. Motion to adopt Frederick; second by Mitchell.
2. Booster station, 75K tower in Roachester should be ready to bid in October and November. Hoping to have it open and going by the first of the year.
3. Woodlands Booster property deed is in process.
4. Rehab on Depot – working with county – the grant is overseen by the county.

Village Officials

The Mayor informed council that the decision had been made to not proceed with any special committee meetings regarding golf carts. Since the Ohio Revised Code already allows golf carts, council and the mayor feel there is no need for additional stipulations. Next, the Mayor updated council on the purchase of a dump truck and gator. Both items were purchased from the American Rescue Plan Funds coming to the Village. The remainder of the fund will be spent on the exterior lighting at the Plaza. The Mayor complimented Bryson's Car Show for the success it had on Memorial Day Weekend. It has been asked if the car show could use Main Street next year since the event has outgrown the MAC.

The Administrator informed council of the passing of Betty Rae Berger. In leu of flowers, Mrs. Berger asked that a memorial bench be placed at Phegley Park. Donations have been coming in for this memorial. Next, the Friends of Little Miami have placed a beautiful bench and are working on the kiosk for the bike trail. They have also placed a pollinator garden behind the restroom at Phegley Park. The Administrator informed council the radar signs will be delivered in 2 – 3 weeks.

Additionally, the Administrator informed council of an unexpected grant approval for Welch Road Phase 2. This will complete the renovation on the storm sewer project as well as the resurfacing from Pattison to Morrow-Rossburg Road. This includes 12 new catch basins and sidewalk. Lastly, the Village has two possibilities for rentals at the plaza. The space

previously known as the Ruff House will now be turned into an office area. The other space would be for Queen City High Railers. This is a model train store. Question was posed from Frederick if the Village could go after the Ruff House for lost rental revenue. Discussion followed.

Councilman Frederick requested a quarterly financial report on the plaza. Frederick also asked to replace the basketball nets at Phegley Park.

Councilman Fisher commented on Morrow-Blackhawk Road between the Woodlands and Front Street. The lines on the road have almost completely disappeared.

Zoning Inspector, Vic, updated council that another fiber optic company, Cincinnati Bell, will be coming thru the Village. The water operator would like to meet with any company before they bore inside the Village.

Open to the Floor

Tracy Shump informed council about the dedication of the O'Dell Mullins Jr. Bridge which will be Sunday, July 9th at noon.

Andrea Joffe informed council that the Woodlands HOA president is requesting a meeting with the Administrator, the Chief and the Mayor. Next, Mrs. Joffe will be hosting a book fair on Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, June 25 from 10-2. Lastly, Joffe registered Morrow with Kindness Rocks, a rock painting project.

Paul Zorn requested council to remove the old tree in the front area of the plaza and use tree board funds to do so. This will create a nicer area and it should be replaced with another tree.

Adjournment

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

Tina Powell, Clerk of Council
& Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor