

## Regular Session of Village Council

August 8, 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 July 11, 2023 Regular Session made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Frederick.

### **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.

### **Susanne Mason – Warren County – Director Solid Waste Management District**

Mason presented the Warren County Solid Waste Plan. Ohio EPA requires Solid Waste to create or ratify the plan every five years and then seek approval from every city and township in that county. The plan is addressing two items: 1) where is trash going, 2) any efforts to reduce and recycle waste. The proposed plan is a continuation of the current plan. Curb side recycling, education and litter programs will continue as they are proving to be successful. Mason provided council with a handout summarizing her presentation. She asked for Council's consideration in passing an ordinance approving the proposed plan. Solicitor Kaspar presented Ordinance #2-23 approving the Solid Waste Management Plan with Warren County Solid Waste Management District. Motion to suspend the rules made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by McKeehan. All yeas. Motion to adopt Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Steiner. All yeas.

### **Brant Fulks – Ohio Department of Natural Resources – Morrow Bridge Grant**

Mr. Fulks requested council's approval for ODNR to fund and build a side walk thru Bishop Park from the bike trail to the side walk on 22&3 while the bike trail is closed and refurbished. The side walk will be six inches thick, five feet wide and ADA accessible. The proposal includes striping one of the current parking spots as a handicapped parking spot to be ADA accessible as well. Solicitor Kaspar requested a Memorandum of Understanding be sent to the Village to receive council's approval. Council also requested that part of the side walk be removed from the trail to the Gazebo upon completion of the project.

### **Depot Proposal #1**

The Village Administrator updated council with information regarding leasing the Train Depot. Three different proposals will be presented, one tonight and two at the September meeting. Zach Ball made the first presentation, a copy was given to each council member. Mr. Ball would like to make the depot into a brewery that will be a community and family destination, hosting community events and live music. Mr. Ball would also like to make an event center near the Depot. The brewery would not have a kitchen, instead there would be fresh deli sandwiches and snacks to go, as well as food trucks. Drinks would include, beer, seltzers, wine, cider, spirits and non-alcoholic beer. Beer and seltzers would be made in house. The outside area would be used for family fun such as pickleball court, basketball and other play areas. Mr. Ball would like to add an additional three season room that would double the seating capacity. Mr. Ball seeks to partner and collaborate with other local businesses to make this a community area. Mr. Ball would like to start the project soon, the next stage would be to look for investors and raise money for the \$1 million venture.

### **Rumpke Rates**

The Fiscal Officer presented council with the updated rates for Rumpke. A handout with the breakdown of the yearly increases (for the next 3 years) was given. Council discussed what would be best for the public, an increase yearly or one large increase for the next three years. Discussion followed. A motion by Issacs-Niemesh was made to table this discussion to next month; second by Steiner. All yea.

### **Village Officials**

The Administrator updated council on the following:

1. Radar speed signs for Welch Road are here and going up.

Solicitor Kaspar recommended Resolution #8-23 authorizing the submission of the application and participation by the Village of Morrow Ohio in the Ohio Public Works Commission Program for PY38. The application is to undertake the revamp of Village water meter reading. Motion to suspend the rules made by Frederick; second by Fisher. All yea. Motion to adopt made by Fisher; second by Frederick. All yea.

### **Open to the Floor**

Discussion was opened to the public. Discussion of a crosswalk from Pamela Drive to the Plaza was again brought up, a suggestion of flashing crossing lights be purchased was made. Mayor stated he will look into this situation and find where the crosswalk can be placed. Discussion followed.

Andrea Joffe updated council that the Tree Board would like to remove the old tree in front of the plaza, the Administrator has already made the call to take care of this project. Jessica Sharp informed council that she has been in correspondence with Scott Lipp's office in regards to all of the power outages in the Village. The Administrator spoke with Duke and will remind them of the commitment of a meeting to update council and the Village in regards to the outages.

**Executive Session** – requested by Administrator for disposition of real property. Motion to go into executive session made by Steiner; second by Fisher. All yea.

Motion to return to regular session made by Frederick; second by Steiner. All yea.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session made by Solicitor to discuss personnel matters. Motion made by Steiner; second by Fisher. All yea.

Motion to return to regular session made by Frederick; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All yea. Solicitor Kaspar stated the Village of Morrow received a letter in regards to the actions of an employee in a public meeting. Kaspar made the motion to not pursue any action against the employee. All yea.

### **Adjournment**

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

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Tina Powell, Clerk of Council  
& Fiscal Officer

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York Bryant, Mayor