

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 7th , 2025.

INVOCATION

Aron Fraizer offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following council members answered roll call: Tim Clapper, Aron Fraizer, Kay Hines, Mark Phillips, Emily Shaffer, and Chris Sherbourne.

Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, Administrator Derek Allen, Police Chief Adam Lakey, and Solicitor Matt Griffith were also present.

MINUTES

Phillips moved, and Shaffer seconded, to approve the March 17th minutes. Roll Call: Phillips, Shaffer, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Sherbourne – all yes.

GUESTS

Kyndall Williams, Utility/Mayor's Court Clerk, Tori Dimick, Aspen Pennington, Deanna Brant, Nancy and Mike Bachelder, Mike Lancaster, Dyesna Darby, Director of Prevention Second Chance, Jackie Lipnos, Prevention Educator for Second Chance, Roniann Thornton, Troy Thornton, and Dr. Tonia Pace, Executive Director for Child Abuse & Sexual Assault.

Mayor Carver gave a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse & Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Mike Bachelder is concerned that since the Village has no tornado sirens, his elderly neighbors have no way of knowing if bad weather is approaching. Mr. Lancaster has the same concerns. Mayor Carver explained that the Village is purchasing weather radios for any Village residents who would like one. She also explained that an assessment was conducted and that we would need five sirens to cover the whole village. The cost was estimated at half a million dollars. Sherbourne stated that someone has to turn the sirens on manually. Bachelder asked if there was a charge for this radio. Mayor Carver stated that they are free to any village resident.

Mayor Carver proclaimed April as Second Chance Month.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lakey reported that Sergeant Beekman and the Key Club had assembled 100 "emergency buckets" that were distributed to each MGEVS classroom.

Mathews is in the process of repairing the 2019 charger. There was an issue with the headlight assembly and wiring.

Sergeant Beekman attended 40 hours of Forensic Interview training.

Officers Robinson, Mosher, and Gattshall attended 16 hours of Advanced Search Training.

Chief Lakey requested approval to post for the vacant full-time officer position pending renewal of the SRO contract by the school board, which will meet on April 15th. Sherbourne moved, and Hines seconded to advertise for this position pending the school board's renewal of the SRO contract. Sherbourne would like to see the SRO contract. Mayor Carver stated that she understood that the school board would keep the SRO through the Village. Roll Call:

Sherbourne, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes. Mayor Carver will let the council know before it is posted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Carey was not in attendance but had emailed the council his report.

FINANCE - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

Sherbourne stated that the next meeting will be 4/21 at 6:00 pm. The committee will be discussing purchasing a fence that the baseball association requested. Their quote was \$9,200.00. Allen hesitates as we don't know the correct height of the fence that would be needed. The association will need this fence installed to host tournaments. They can purchase a temporary fence for \$3,000.00. Clapper stated that they could purchase the permanent one if they had the money for the temporary fence. Sherbourne noted that if they can't put up this fence, they couldn't host the tournament and would have to pay to enter another tournament. He also stated that we should consider having them lease the fields from the village. Council does not want to spend money on this fence this year.

SAFETY - TIM CLAPPER

The committee discussed the Franklin Township Fire Contract. They prepared the contract to align with the other townships and sent it to them for approval.

The CAD services will be put in the 2026 budget.

The next meeting will be in May. Clapper will let the committee know the date and time.

SERVICE - MARK PHILLIPS

Phillips reported that two history markers and the deer crossing signs were installed.

The next meeting is 4/14 at 6:00 pm.

RULES - EMILY SHAFFER

The next meeting will be 4/28 at 6:00 pm to discuss and finalize the noise ordinance.

ADMINISTRATOR - DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported that Robin Conrad and her son Joel will be the pool managers this year.

He had signed a contract with Great Lakes Energy Brokers to represent the village in obtaining the next power contract for the Mount Gilead aggregation program. The current contract expires October 2026. He utilized our energy consultant from North Shore Energy Consulting LLC to obtain an electric contract for the Village facilities. The current contract is 4.550 kWh, which expires in October 2025. The new contract is 5.896 kWh from October 2025 through October 2029.

There are no grants available for the basketball courts.

Caulking of the pool will be late April or early May.

An ad was placed for employment in the service department.

Village staff rebuilt a broken catch basin at the southeast corner of Iberia and North Street.

We have been working on a culvert issue on South St., but we must devise a long-term fix.

Clapper had asked about the portion of the road across from the post office. Allen will have ODOT examine it.

The Home Road utility extension project utility installation portion is complete. A pressure test was completed on the sewer, and a mandrel test was conducted for pipe deflection. Both tests were successful. The only remaining item is the trench repair, and they are waiting for the asphalt plants to open.

The lateral going into the ODOT garage got damaged, and we had to remove stone to repair it. It was mentioned that we don't own the bridge behind the fairground. Sherbourne had emailed the commissioners about trying to make it a pedestrian bridge. Allen explained that we would have a problem with Dan Lyon, as he believes it is his property. Clapper believes that the county is responsible for the maintenance of all bridges located in the county.

MAYOR - DONNA J. CARVER

Mayor Carver attended the Morrow County Chamber of Commerce luncheon and met with Robin Conrad.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

Sherbourne moved, and Phillips seconded to approve the bills. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Phillips, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Shaffer - all yes.

Hines moved, and Fraizer seconded, to pass Resolution 3-3-25, "Tax Valuation Certification by the County Auditor,". Roll Call: Hines, Fraizer, Clapper, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne - all yes.

Shaffer moved, and Fraizer seconded, to pass Ordinance 1982, “Editing of Codifications,” to the third reading. Roll Call: Shaffer, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Sherbourne -all yes. Sherbourne moved, and Fraizer seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance 1984, “supplemental appropriations” . Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer– all yes. Hines moved, and Phillips seconded, to pass Ordinance 1984. Roll Call: Hines, Phillips, Clapper, Fraizer, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes. Phillips moved, and Fraizer seconded to pass ordinance 1985 “water rate increase” to the second reading. Clapper had asked how we came up with the \$5.00 increase. Allen stated that GPD had given us the projected loan payment. Clapper would like to see the documents from GPD. Roll Call: Phillips, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes. Fraizer moved, and Sherbourne seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 4-7-25 “bidding on the recreation project”. Clapper asked how much money we are authorizing. The Fiscal Officer stated it’s just to bid, not to spend money. Clapper said we needed financing first. Fiscal Officer asked how much funding? Clapper said to use the previous estimate. Allen said to handle it like the pool loan and get funding for \$700,000. Sherbourne said to get financing not to exceed \$750,000.00. Roll Call: Fraizer-yes, Sherbourne-yes, Clapper-no, Hines-no, Phillips-yes, Shaffer-no. Suspension did not pass.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Carver announced that Fire Fest will be on 4/26 from noon to 3:00 pm

Hines moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor