

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on August 19th, 2024.

INVOCATION

Emily Shaffer offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of council answered roll call: Tim Clapper, Aron Fraizer, Kay Hines, Mark Phillips, Emily Shaffer, and Chris Sherbourne. Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, Administrator Derek Allen, and Solicitor Matt Griffith were also present.

MINUTES

Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to approve the July 15th minutes. Roll Call: Shaffer, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Sherbourne– all yes.

GUESTS

Police Sergeant Chase Beekman, Fire Chief Mark Carey, Jamie Brucker-Morrow Co. ????, Rick Dunlop and Glen Marzluf with Del-Co Water, Stacey Floro, Cindy & Glenn Hayes, and Lindsey Wilcox.

Mr. Dunlop handed out information about Del-Co Water with a map of their service area. They also included their current water rates.

They would like to expand their TES plant that is located in Knox Co. just about a mile across the border from Morrow Co. This is a groundwater plant that works off a well.

They potential for future projects would require them to expand this plant or have the opportunity to resource the Villages' water system. They would like additional capacity from the Village as they are looking at potential future expansion projects.

Sherbourne commented that it is going to cost 9 million dollars to upgrade our water plant.

How would that work, as far as, who would pay for it? Dunlop stated that it could potentially be the acquisition price minus what it would cost to upgrade. Allen stated that the 9 million will get you a brand-new plant. the absolute necessities to keep the water plant going would cost 5 million. Dunlop stated it would make sense to do the 9 million upgrade to be able to expand the water north.

Allan asked how much additional capacity do they require in the TES plant? Dunlop commented that right now we have available capacity they just do not run 24/7. Right now, they are running 2 ½ million a day but it is rated for 6 so they can go as high as 6. With the plant being 12-15 miles to the East the Village water system would make this more convenient. Clapper asked how much water they need from the Village. Dunlop thought our capacity was 3.3 million gallons a day but is rated at 1 million. They would want to upgrade to take advantage of the full capacity. Glenn and Rick would like to talk to council before we commit to an upgrade and talk about sharing resources, cost, and expense.

Mr. Brucker stated that we may see EPA push to regionalize resources so this would be a huge benefit to our community. Especially with the lower cost to our water bills.

Dunlop also stated that current employees would be integrated. He also stated that they would do the water billing, however, since we have sewer, we would still be in control of that. If someone did not pay their sewer bill then they could shut off their water.

Mayor Carver asked what the period would be. Dunlop stated that it would be within a year due to the project being talked about with the TES plant but that would not mean the door would be closed.

Allen also stated that if someone would buy the old HPM plant that the Village would not be able to supply them with enough water.

Sherbourne asked what the next step would be. Mayor Carver stated that council will need time to look this over and have some discussions in committees. She will get back with them.

Mayor Carver gave a brief history of who paid for the fireworks in the past. The Morrow Co. Fair board has always taken care of them before COVID. When they decided not to pay for

them anymore then the Village stepped in and paid for them mostly through donations. The new fair board president would like to take them back.

Floro would like to see a pledge form sent to residents.

Hayes would like to see out-of-town residents notified and kept up to date on the fireworks situation.

Mayor Carver stated that we would need to find a way to get the word out to people that may not have social media.

Wilcox agrees with both these ideas.

Mayor Carver will reach out to the fair board president first to see if they will take them over first and then go from there.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF LAKEY

Sergeant Beekman reported that the speed signs will be on N. Main and Westview Drive. Floro commented that the sign on N. Main is covered by a tree. Allen stated that it will be moved next to the road.

Car 5 has been upfitted and is in service as the K9 cruiser. They would like to sell the old explorer.

The Village Block Watch occurred on August 13th, with over thirty members of the community attending. The next scheduled meeting is October 8th at 7:00 pm.

On August 16th, a pursuit initiated by the Ohio State Patrol and the U.S. Marshals entered the Village and ended at the State Park. Captain Cronenwett, Officer Gattshall, Officer Lichtenberger, and Niko assisted in the attempt to locate an individual.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF CAREY

Chief Carey reported that they have assisted the MCEMA with Cleveland area state of emergency.

They held a joint training with the Cardington Fire Department at the fairgrounds. They also held a joint training with the MCEMS on roadway incident safety.

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES - KAY HINES

Hines reported that the Fiscal Officer gave an agreement to our solicitor. This is with the Ohio Attorney General who may help us collect unpaid court fees and fines. Allen had talked about the concrete work on High St.

Sergeant Beekman reported that they would like to sell the old explorer on gov deals. The Fiscal Officer will have a resolution ready for the next council meeting.

Next meeting will be 9/16 at 6:00 pm.

CODES, REGULATIONS AND ZONING - EMILY SHAFFER

Next meeting will be 8/26 at 6:00 pm.

SAFETY - TIM CLAPPER

Next meeting will be 9/3 at 6:00 pm.

STREETS - MARK PHILLIPS

Phillips announced that House Bill 370 passed and will now go onto the Senate.

Next meeting is 8/20 at 6:00 pm.

UTILITIES - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

Next meeting will be 9/9 at 6:00 pm.

LONG RANGE PLANNING - ARON FRAIZER

Fraizer stated that he would like council to cover the costs of the founders day events.

Sherbourne moved and Fraizer seconded to approve paying for founder's day events not to exceed \$6,000.00. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

ADMINISTRATOR-DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen gave a list of meetings he has attended, as well as, board and committees he currently serves on.

He had sent out four code enforcement letters.

The brush at the compost facility was ground into much and is in the process of being hauled away.

Kleinfelder is in the process of updating the costs for the tennis/pickleball and basketball courts.

We will be setting blue recycle bins around the fairgrounds during the fair. We will be responsible for emptying them as well.

Shelly & Sands will start paving after the fair. They are only allowed to close the road for 12 days. They were delayed as we need to do concrete work that needed to be done before they paved. Allen will need permission to pay for the concrete work. Sherbourne moved and Fraizer seconded to approve the money for the concrete work. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips Shaffer – all yes.

There were 6 trees that have been removed from tree lawns.

The sludge has been hauled from the wastewater treatment plant.

Curb stops were repaired at several houses where the Village was unable to turn houses off from non-payment.

Moody's of Dayton started the rehab of well #4. They are also conducting a video inspection.

Well #5 had a problem and McFarland Electric was called to diagnose. The well motor kept blowing fuses. The problem ended up being a phase fail relay. This was replaced and the well is back in operation.

The Home Road utility extension project has been advertised and has a bid opening scheduled for September 10th, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Allen will have a water plant report for council which will include revised estimates, funding ideas and proposed utility rate increases.

Allen told council that if they decide to partner with Del-Co water then they will have to pay someone that specializes in this to help them with this transition as he has never dealt with this situation before.

MAYOR – DONNA CARVER

Mayor Carver had met with Jamie Brucker and Rick Dunlop about Del-Co Water request.

She has been approved for the historical marker grant. This grant is for \$1,000.00 that will go toward the purchase and erection of the marker. The total cost of the marker is under \$3,700.00.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER – CATHY DAVIS

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

Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to pass ordinance 1964 to the third reading. Roll Call:

Shaffer, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Sherbourne – all yes.

Fraizer moved and Sherbourne seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 1966

“supplemental appropriations”. Roll Call: Fraizer, Sherbourne, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes. Phillips moved and Fraizer seconded to pass ordinance 1966. Roll Call: Phillips,

Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

Sherbourne moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Approved:

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor