

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 17TH , 2025.

INVOCATION

Tim Clapper 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

Sherbourne moved, and Fraizer seconded, to approve the March 3rd minutes. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

GUESTS

Kyndall Williams, Utility/Mayor's Court Clerk, Alberta Stojkovic, with the Morrow County Sentinel, and Jamie Brucker, Operations Director for Morrow County.

Brucker reported that the county had received a Brownfield grant that will cover the cost of asbestos remediation at the Cherry Street school building. They will use the remaining grant money for Mid-Ohio HPM #1 remediation.

The new county garage is expected to be completed by the end of April. The county will hold an auction around May or June for items stored at the old garage that they don't want to relocate to the new garage.

Brucker had a brief discussion with the engineer about the paving of Home Rd. Mayor Carver had asked if he had a road usage maintenance agreement for Home Rd. Brucker stated he has it but is still working with the engineer on it.

Allen had asked him about the status of the jail renovation. Brucker stated that Phase One has been submitted, and if approved, it will proceed to the next phase. He is hoping that they may be able to go out for a bid in September.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lakey reported that on March 7th, 2025, Officer Michael Turner submitted his voluntary resignation. Sherbourne moved, and Fraizer seconded to accept Michael Turner's resignation. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

On March 4, Chief Lakey attended a free grant-writing class. On March 11-14, Sergeant Beekman attended training on the Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Carey was not in attendance. Mayor Carver stated that the Chief had a ceremony for the promotion of 3 lieutenants.

FINANCE - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

Chief Lakey explained the CAD service through the county that he will budget for in 2026. He would also like to provide regular holiday pay for his police officers who work more than 8 hours on a holiday. This would be regular pay for their shift. Overtime would remain the same. Sherbourne moved, and Hines seconded to change the personnel policy to reflect this pay change. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Chief Lakey would like to cash out 80 hours of vacation to help a family in need. Shaffer asked if we were setting a precedent by allowing this. Mayor Carver stated that we had already allowed him to cash out at the end of the year. Sherbourne moved, and Phillips seconded the motion to approve 80 hours of vacation cash out for Chief Lakey. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Phillips, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Shaffer – all yes.

A street levy for the November ballot was discussed. Fiscal Officer Davis will contact the Morrow County Auditor to determine the revenue generated at various millage rates. Allen discussed withdrawing from Gilead Township. He had asked Solicitor Griffith if we are obligated for the term of the fire levy. Griffith will research that and also the procedures of withdrawing from the Township. The next meeting will be 4/21 at 6:00 pm.

SAFETY - TIM CLAPPER

No report.

SERVICE - MARK PHILLIPS

Phillips reported that, due to urgent repairs to the water treatment plant, the committee recommended raising base water rates by \$5.00 each year for 2026, 2027, and 2028. Phillips moved, and Fraizer seconded to prepare legislation for this increase. Roll Call: Phillips, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

Fiscal Officer Davis proposed an amendment to Ordinance 911.04 regarding shut-off notices. The committee recommends the adoption of the ordinance.

Deer crossing and LED stop signs have been ordered. The President Harding signs will be placed at locations that follow strict requirements outlined in the Remarkable Ohio Handbook. Resurfacing projects were discussed, and it was noted that after work on W. Union and Westview Drive, then Buckeye Lane, could take place if funds were available.

A discussion was also held on the possibility of placing a tax levy on the November ballot for streets.

The committee also discussed signs that need correction and changes to the gateway signs.

A street sweeper may be rented for a limited time this year.

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

RULES - EMILY SHAFFER

The next meeting is 3/24 at 6:00 pm. Shaffer will discuss the noise ordinance and the potential repeal of the section regarding low-alcohol content. She will also finish the animal and fowl ordinance.

ADMINISTRATOR - DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported that there were 43 signs removed from the utility poles or in the ground next to the curb.

The shed located at 115 N. Main St., which was advertised as a livable unit, is being removed. Cold patches were placed in the potholes, and an additional 20 tons were delivered to the service department.

A request was made to GPD Group for the creation of bid documents and specifications (boilerplate), estimated quantities, engineer's estimate, bid review, and contract for the contractor regarding the Village's 2025 resurfacing program.

A broken fire hydrant was replaced on East High St. in front of the KOA.

The Home Rd. sewer is approximately 200' from the finish with one manhole left to be set.

Paving of Home Rd. was not part of the project.

ODOT will be contacted about the heaving spots on the roads.

An alley was added to the resurfacing project as it is in terrible shape. Mayor Carver inquired about the spot in front of the End Zone. Clapper stated that it was up to ODOT to repair.

MAYOR - DONNA J. CARVER

Mayor Carver met with our personnel attorney and attended the ceremony for the 3 new lieutenants at the fire department.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

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

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

Sherbourne moved, and Phillips seconded, to pass Ordinance 1982, "Editing of Codifications," to the second reading. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Phillips, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Shaffer -all yes. Fraizer moved, and Shaffer seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance 1983, "Amending Chapter 911.04". Roll Call: Fraizer, Shaffer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Sherbourne - all yes. Hines moved, and Phillips seconded, to pass Ordinance 1983. Roll Call: Hines, Phillips, Clapper, Fraizer, Shaffer, Sherbourne - all yes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Fraizer would like to convert the bridge behind the fairgrounds, which is currently closed, into a pedestrian bridge. Allen stated that it is not in the village, but he will look into it.

Fraizer moved, and Phillips seconded to go into executive session at 7:45 pm to consider the purchase of property, both real and personal, tangible or intangible, or to consider the sale of property either real or personal by competitive bid if disclosure of the information would give a competitive advantage to the other side by division (G)(2) of the section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. Roll Call: Fraizer, Phillips, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne - all yes.

Mayor Carver declared the meeting back on record at 8:25 pm.

Sherbourne moved and Phillips seconded to pledge \$200,000.00 towards the offer on the HPM #2 site. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Phillips, Shaffer, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer - all yes.

Hines moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor