

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on March 18th, 2024.

INVOCATION

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

MINUTES

Phillips moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the March 4th minutes. Roll Call: Phillips, Shaffer, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Sherbourne – all yes.

GUESTS

Alberta Stojkovic with the Morrow Co. Sentinel, Joe Jakubick with FirstEnergy, and Roc Castricone.

Joe reported that he had received an outage report of approximately fifty-two lights from Administrator Allen for the village. Thirty-two have been repaired. Joe explained that the computers were not talking to each other resulting in the delay in repairs.

He also explained that it would not be cost effective for the village to switch to LED lights at this time. Although, if a light will need replaced it may be replaced with an LED light.

Joe was asked how much it would cost to install a new light. He said on average it would cost between \$1,300 and \$1,400 depending on the location.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lakey reported that officer Jason Robinson has completed his 6-month probationary period and is requesting council to approve him as full-time. Sherbourne moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the hire of Jason Robinson as a full-time police officer. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Shaffer, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips – all yes.

Officer Mosher passed his state exam and was sworn in by Mayor Carver on March 7th.

The new Durango was ordered from Jim Shorkey Dodge at a price of \$43,560.00. The extra money will go towards upfitting the existing cruiser to a K9 unit.

Tim Flock, from Central Ohio Farmer's Co-Op has requested permission to hunt rats on the property with air rifles. This will be done at night. Fraizer moved and Phillips seconded to allow Mr. Flock to do this. Roll Call: Fraizer, Phillips, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Carey reported that he had met with the high school seniors in conjunction with the Morrow Co. EMS to discuss career path opportunities.

Annual maintenance was completed on the Zoll monitors.

Utility 17 and brush 12 received their annual PM. A considerable battery draw has been discovered on brush twelve and is being investigated.

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES – KAY HINES

Hines reported that Jennifer Voltz, who lives at 512 Hickory Lane, had her basement flooded with raw sewage. Allen explained to Jennifer that the village is not liable to clean her house or pay for damages. However, Allen had offered to pay \$3,000.00 for the clean-up with Servpro. Jennifer wanted a different company to come in and clean up and her estimated cost was \$10,000.00. The cleaning company, Shambaugh, told Allen that she will be turning it into her insurance company as a claim. In response, Allen then offered to pay her deductible since it was under \$3,000.00.

Hines asked Solicitor Griffith what he thought would be a reasonable amount. He was also asked that if we do give her money for this that some type of contract be drawn up. Griffith said that he would investigate it.

Next meeting is April 15th at 6:00 pm.

CODES, REGULATIONS AND ZONING - EMILY SHAFFER

Next meeting is March 25th at 6:00 pm. Shaffer is still researching the decibel levels of steam turbines

SAFETY - TIM CLAPPER

Next meeting is April 1st at 6:00 pm

STREETS -MARK PHILLIPS

Phillips reported that deer crossing signs will be ordered for placement in front of the Morrow Co. Hospital, across from Westview Drive, and in front of the Farmers' Co-op, across from Park National Bank.

White solar LED flashing lights are needed for public safety on the E. Marion St. stop sign near River Cliff Cemetery. The cost is approximately \$2,000.00. Fraizer moved and Shaffer seconded to purchase this light not to exceed \$2,500.00. Roll Call: Fraizer – yes, Shaffer – yes, Clapper – no, Hines – yes, Philips -yes, Sherbourne – yes.

Phillips would like to make a motion for Derek Allen to obtain a design proposal for a Community Development Block Grant, for utility and paving work on Town St. and Highland Ave. Fraizer moved and Hines seconded for Allen to obtain a design proposal. Discussion was made and Clapper asked when this project would be. Allen stated that it will be in 2025. Roll Call: Fraizer, Hines, Clapper, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

The committee would like utility patching work to be done earlier this year, during April and May. We would also like the council to consider paving the parking lot at the municipal building and at the parking lot at the pool.

We discussed the possibility that Gilead Township could provide monetary assistance for Main St. patching work to be done in 2025. It was mentioned that someone would have to attend a Gilead Township meeting to discuss this.

UTILITIES - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

Next meeting to be determined.

LONG RANGE PLANNING - ARON FRAIZER

The committee met and discussed the replacement of the old trash receptacles and installation of a new drinking fountain. Fraizer moved and Sherbourne seconded to purchase trash cans and a new drinking fountain for \$16,000.00. Hines asked where this money was coming from. Fraizer said the general fund. Roll Call: Fraizer, Sherbourne, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

ADMINISTRATOR-DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported that there will be a Saturday workday to work on the baseball fields.

Picnic tables and a bicycle rack were ordered for the pool.

There was a water main break that lead to a major sink hole on Neal Ave. This has been repaired.

Village employees replaced a broken-down storm sewer pipe on High and Cherry St. They also rebuilt a catch basin.

A hydrant was replaced in front of 287 W. High St.

The sanitary sewer line may have to be replaced on Elm St.

Clapper had asked how many code enforcement letters have gone out. Allen stated he has sent three so far.

Hines asked if the backyard of the house across from the courthouse would be considered a nuisance? Allen will have to produce a way to address this.

Clapper stated that the catch basin north of the light will need done.

MAYOR - DONNA CARVER

Mayor Carver announced that she was appointed to the opiate and 911 boards.

The fireworks contract was signed. Date is set for 6/29 with the rain date being 6/30.

She stated that we would need to go into executive session at the end of the meeting.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

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

Fraizer moved and Phillips seconded to pass ordinance 1956 “amending chapter 141” to the third reading. Roll Call: Fraizer, Phillips, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

Hines moved and Fraizer seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 1957 “supplemental appropriations”. Roll Call: Hines, Fraizer, Clapper, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

Hines moved and Shaffer seconded to pass ordinance 1957. Roll Call: Hines, Shaffer, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Sherbourne – all yes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Hines moved and Phillips seconded to go into executive session at 8:35 pm to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Roll Call: Hines, Phillips, Clapper, Fraizer, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

Hines stated that we are now back on record at 9:10 pm.

Hines moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm.

Approved:

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor