

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on May 20th , 2024.

INVOCATION

Tim Clapper 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, and Emily Shaffer, Chris Sherbourne was excused. Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, Administrator Derek Allen, and Solicitor Matt Griffith were also present.

MINUTES

Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to approve the May 6th minutes. Roll Call: Shaffer – yes, Hines – yes, Clapper – abstain, Fraizer – yes, Phillips – yes.

GUESTS

Alberta Stojkovic with the Morrow Co. Sentinel, Captain Cronenwett, Zack Howard Superintendent and Tina Gabler Treasurer with the Mt. Gilead School, Tim Siegfried, and Dixie Shinaberry with the Comprehensive Land Use committee.

Mr. Siegfried reported that the Comprehensive Land Use committee is in the process of updating their plan. He had a couple of questions for everyone. First question is what do you value within the Morrow County community? There were several responses: Public safety, the school systems, a sense of community and pride in traditions and military heritage.

The second question was, what do you hope the Morrow County community will become for your grandchildren and great grandchildren? What would you like to see? Many agreed that the main thing they would like to see is more employment opportunities.

Mr. Howard reported on the parking lot shortage for the elementary school when holding school functions. Many utilize the pool parking lot. Mr. Howard, along with the Mt. Gilead School Board, recommend a memorandum of agreement with the Village. The agreement would be that the Mt. Gilead School would pay to have the pool parking lot paved. In return the Village would pay to have the basketball and tennis courts done. As a last resort we could turn the tennis courts into a parkin area. Mayor Carver stated that council has been discussing doing the basketball and tennis courts for some time. Allen said that we had put it out for bid before but received no bids on it. We are planning to get a loan this year so we may be ready to bid in 2025. Clapper had mentioned that we need to actively search for grants.

Allen also said that we would like to pave behind the dog park. This would give the school extra parking. Council agreed to move forward with this agreement with the school.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF LAKEY

Captain Cronenwett reported that officers Gattshall and Lichtenberger are scheduled to take the state certification exam on May 21st.

A suspect was arrested on May 18th by Officer Hinkle after he was observed by firefighters drawing menacing pictures on the hoods of two police cruisers in the Municipal Building parking lot. The drawings were able to be washed off.

The Memorial Day parade is scheduled for May 27th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF CAREY

Chief Carey reported that he is advertising for part-time positions until the end of May with the new hires starting in July. The power loss issue was corrected on ladder 18. It is still out of service due to brake issues.

He will be aiding the public in regard to Hyper Reach. The public can stop by anytime between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm on June 2nd and June 8th. They will be able to get signed up and he will assist with their electronic devices. Clapper had asked if he planned to keep track of those who may want radios. Chief Carey will keep track of this.

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES - KAY HINES

Next meeting will be June 17th at 6:00 pm.

CODES, REGULATIONS AND ZONING - EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer reported that they will be working on the current noise ordinance and will get with our solicitor for advice.

Next meeting will be 6/24 at 6:00 pm.

SAFETY - TIM CLAPPER

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

STREETS -MARK PHILLIPS

Phillips reported that the ODOT project contract was awarded to Shelly and Sands, Inc. There will be sixty-eight curbed ramps that will be done first.

The deer crossing signs and the solar powered LED stop sign: Committee decided to postpone ordering and will ask that they be budgeted for 2025.

The old street sweeper is beyond repair and will eventually be sold. One will be rented for summer and fall.

Committee decided to wait until later this year to request help from Gilead Township for 2025 patching work.

Next meeting will be 8/20 at 6:00 pm

UTILITIES - CHRIS SHERBOURNE

Next meeting to be determined.

LONG RANGE PLANNING - ARON FRAIZER

Fraizer reported that committee had discussed Founders Day. A separate informal committee has been formed to take care of this. Their next meeting is May 30th at 6:00 pm.

Next Long Range Planning meeting is to be determined.

ADMINISTRATOR-DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported that the pool managers for this year will be Sam Ragor and Robin Conrad. He has requested that an adult be there the whole time the pool is open. We will be sharing lifeguards with the Cardington pool. Pool inspection will be on May 22nd at 1:00 pm.

He had received the WTP study. Since it is 117 pages, he will be e-mailing it to everyone except those that request a hard copy. This study will be discussed then we can go with a design.

There are 8 lead lines to be replaced on High St.

Kokosing has been set up at the old HPM plant. This is for TC Energy project.

Clapper had asked about a pool schedule. Robin Conrad will be in charge of scheduling pool parties, swim lessons, and aerobics class.

MAYOR - DONNA CARVER

Mayor Carver attended the neighborhood watch meeting. The next one will be on June 11th at 7:00 pm.

The Founders Day parade will be on September 28th at 1:00 pm.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

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

Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to pass Ordinance 1959 "fire hydrants" to the third reading.

Roll Call: Shaffer, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips - all yes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Hines said she attended the neighborhood watch meeting and found it interesting.

Hines moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Approved:

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor