

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Emily Shaffer 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, and Solicitor Matt Griffith were also present.

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

Alberta Stojkovic with the Morrow Co. Sentinel, and Police Chief Adam Lakey.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHIEF LAKEY

Chief Lakey would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHIEF CAREY

Chief Carey was not in attendance and had no report.

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES – KAY HINES

Hines reported that the committee discussed the employee wage ordinance and the proposed 4% wage increase, as well as the employee portion of medical insurance. Committee recommends leaving the wage increase as proposed. They also recommend that we leave the employee portion of medical insurance the same as last year but will look at increasing it for 2026.

Discussion was also made about the 8th police officer that Chief Lakey had originally budgeted for. He had stated that the savings to take this officer out was only \$27,500.00.

CODES, REGULATIONS AND ZONING – EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer reported that there will be no more meetings for the remainder of 2024.

SAFETY – TIM CLAPPER

Next meeting will be 12/2 at 6:00 pm.

STREETS -MARK PHILLIPS

Phillips reported that the committee had discussed possible resurfacing projects in 2025. The resurfacing and utility work in 2026 and 2027 will be determined if there is grant funding available.

Phillips would like the Gilead Township Trustees to give information on their 2025 budget and any anticipated township projects in 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Phillips would like to remove the tire marks on the Victory Shaft in warmer weather.

There will be no more street meetings for the remainder of 2024.

UTILITIES – CHRIS SHERBOURNE

No meetings for the remainder of 2024 unless we need one.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – ARON FRAIZER

Next meeting will be after council meeting on 12/2.

ADMINISTRATOR-DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported that the leaf collection is ongoing.

The Morrow County Board of Development Disabilities had called about a donation. They had a contractor pour a sidewalk and a concrete pad next to the playground. They are also purchasing a metal picnic table. Everything will be handicapped accessible.

MAYOR – DONNA CARVER

Mayor Carver attended several meetings and the ribbon cutting at “The Reserve” apartments. She is hosting a food drive on November 23rd from 9 am – Noon at the Village Municipal Building.

Sherbourne had asked about the town hall meeting to discuss the proposed changes to the green space. Mayor Carver said that we would schedule something after the holidays.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER – CATHY DAVIS

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

Hines moved and Phillips seconded to pass ordinance 1973 “2025 wages”. Clapper had asked about the 4% raises and the employee portion of the health insurance. Mayor Carver asked Hines what the finance committee recommended. Hines stated that they recommend the wages stay at 4%, and the employee portion of the health insurance stay the same as they were.

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

Clapper would like the employees to pay more for their health insurance in 2026. He wants the split to be 10% employee portion with the Village paying 90%. Sherbourne moved and Hines seconded to draft a resolution for the intention of the 2026 health insurance premium to be paid 90% Village and 10% employee. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Sherbourne moved and Fraizer seconded to amend ordinance 1975 “2025 permanent appropriations” to include the 8th police officer to the police department budget.

Clapper asked Allen if the 2025 budget included money for the building we bought on Iberia St the old county garage or the recreation courts. Allen stated that none of this was in the budget as we do not know what we are doing with the buildings yet. Also, we will not know if we receive the grant money for the recreation courts until the end of 2026. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Phillips moved and Hines seconded to pass resolution 10-21-24 A “2025 fund transfers”. Roll Call: Phillips, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

Hines moved to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Approved:

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor