

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on September 16th , 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, Emily Shaffer, and Chris Sherbourne. Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, Administrator Derek Allen, and Solicitor Matt Griffith were also present.

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF LAKEY

Chief Lakey reported that the old K9 cruiser is listed on GovDeals and the current bid is \$3,100.00. The auction ends on September 23rd, 2024.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHIEF CAREY

No report.

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES - KAY HINES

Hines reported that a discussion was made about the percent increase for employee wages for 2025. Also discussed the cost of employee medical insurance.

Fiscal Officer Davis stated that there is \$120,144.24 in unpaid income taxes at collections. She also reported that there are 62 residents and have not filed for 2022 and 448 that have not filed for 2023.

Hines discussed the need for adding into the 2025 budget for paving, fixing the outside restroom at the pool, and replacing the 2006 dump truck. Further discussion about the possibility of hiring a detective for the police department will need to be made for the 2025 budget as well.

The tennis/pickleball and basketball courts will need to be done. Mayor Carver stated that the Village has an old agreement with the Mt. Gilead school stating that we are responsible for the upkeep of these courts. If we do not do this upgrade then school officials will tear up the courts and make parking spots out of them.

Phillips moved and Fraizer seconded to obtain a loan for the tennis, pickleball and basketball resurfacing project not to exceed \$550,000.00 and to pursue a grant if legally possible.

Discussion: Clapper asked if we still had plans. Allen stated that we have the plans but will need an updated cost estimate. Roll Call: Phillips, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

Next meeting 10/21 at 6:00 pm.

CODES, REGULATIONS AND ZONING - EMILY SHAFFER

Next meeting will be 10/28 at 6:00 pm.

SAFETY - TIM CLAPPER

Next meeting will be 10/7 at 6:00 pm.

STREETS -MARK PHILLIPS

Phillips reported that he and Kay Hines will be on the agenda for the Gilead Township Trustee meeting on October 3rd.

Next meeting will be 10/22 at 6:00 pm.

UTILITIES – CHRIS SHERBOURNE

Sherbourne will e-mail everyone the next meeting date.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – ARON FRAIZER

Mayor Carver stated that the Tucker award will be given to the family of Joe Long on Monday September 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Mt. Gilead High School Auditoria.

ADMINISTRATOR-DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported that the catch basins on Iberia and Grant streets have been completed.

The paving project on State Route 95 has started.

Employees began painting the downtown streetlight poles.

The bid opening for the Home Road Utility Extension project was held on September 10th, 2024.

There were three bids:

Crawford Construction \$526,179.00

Dirt Dawg \$533,986.00

Driven Excavation \$925,419.00

The bids were taken under advisement and are currently being reviewed.

Allen has been in touch with Mr. Dunlop, with Del-Co Water, about some questions he had.

Clapper would like to know how much water Del-Co would be willing to purchase from the Village. Allen will reach out to Mr. Dunlop.

MAYOR – DONNA CARVER

Mayor Carver met with Gilead Fitness. They will be holding a costume contest before the Villages’ trick or treat.

Sherbourne had asked if she had heard anything about where Gilead Fitness is moving to.

Mayor Carver and Allen stated that they are waiting for them to reach out to us.

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.

Hines moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 9-16-24 “oag agreement”. Roll Call: Hines, Shaffer, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Sherbourne – all yes. Hines moved and Shaffer seconded to approve resolution 9-16-24. Roll Call: Hines, Shaffer, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Sherbourne – all yes.

Sherbourne moved and Fraizer seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 9-16-24 A “real estate contract”. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Phillips moved and Shaffer seconded to pass resolution 9-16-24 A. Roll Call: Phillips, Shaffer, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Sherbourne – all yes.

Sherbourne moved and Hines seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 1969 “supplemental appropriation”. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips Shaffer – all yes. Fraizer moved and Sherbourne seconded to pass ordinance 1969. Roll Call: Fraizer, Sherbourne, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Phillips presented the Village of Mount Gilead with an idealized artistic portrait of Warren G. Harding. We will hang this in council chambers.

Sherbourne moved to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Approved:

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor