

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on February 1, 2016.

INVOCATION

Clapper offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council answered roll call; Donna Carver, Tim Clapper, Kay Hines, John Oyster, Chris Sherbourne, Keith Strait. The Clerk declared a quorum. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Matt Griffith, Administrator Dan Rogers, Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann and Fiscal Officer Asst. Cathy Davis were present.

MINUTES

Strait moved and Hines seconded to approve the 1/18/16 minutes. Roll call; Strait yes, Hines yes, Oyster yes, Carver yes, Clapper yes, Sherbourne yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Zach Jones from the Sentinel, Jim Byrd, Matt Carey, Brian Zerman and his sons Ryan and Brock. Rogers introduced Mr. Byrd, newly hired employee who begins work in the Services Department tomorrow.

Council welcomed Mr. Jones who is coming from the Bellville Star to be the new Editor of the Morrow County Sentinel.

Mayor Porter stated Fire Fighter Sgt. Carey attended Council to answer any questions about the recent problems with the fire trucks. Rescue 11, purchased new in 2008, is being transported back to the South Dakota factory for extensive repairs following a recent accident while on a fire call. The repairs were originally estimated at \$30,000.00; the return of the truck is not expected until May or June. Carey reported the 1977 Ford is also currently out of service for repairs. Council discussed several details involved in locating a good used vehicle; authorizing the funds for the purchase, allowing 2 Fire Fighters to travel to inspect the possible vehicles and the additional funds needed for the purchase over the current balance in the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund of \$150,000.00. Griffith offered to research the legality of transferring funds from one fund to another. Strait moved and Clapper seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 2-1-16 B which will begin the bid process for the purchase of a vehicle. Roll call; Strait yes, Clapper yes, Sherbourne yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes, Hines yes. Clapper moved and Carver seconded to adopt the resolution as an emergency. Roll call; Clapper yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes, Hines yes, Sherbourne yes, Strait yes.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Zerman reported 203 calls for service in January; 32 reports were filed, 12 accidents, 2 with injuries. Brake repairs are being completed on 2 cruisers.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-KEITH STRAIT

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 2/10/16.

FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES

Hines reported the committee met on 1/25/16 with Chief Zerman. After discussing the cost versus the benefits and the need to purchase a new cruiser at this time, the committee is recommending the purchase of a 2016 Ford Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV). The committee considered the cost of a new Dodge Charger at \$34,036.00 against the cost of the SUV at \$36,868.00 as well as the difficulty of driving the Charger during the winter months. Hines explained the additional charges for the graphics and necessary equipment and that, if ordered now, the vehicle will not be ready for delivery until late summer. Hines moved and Strait

seconded to purchase the Ford SUV at \$36,868.00. Roll call; Hines yes, Strait yes, Oyster yes, Carver yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes.

Six part time officers are assisting the six full-time Officers.

A meeting will be scheduled with Chief Young.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-TIM CLAPPER

The committee met prior to Council and discussed the proposed purchase and means of funding for a used vehicle for the Fire Department.

Clapper requested Davis look into the 2017 renewal of the health insurance coverage.

The committee is researching the cost and convenience of implementing credit card use for the utility bills, Mayor's Court and income tax collection.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 3/7/16.

UTILITIES-JOHN OYSTER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 2/3/16.

LONG RANGE PLANNING-TIM CLAPPER

The committee will schedule a meeting to discuss the 2017 road tax levy.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-DONNA CARVER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 7:00 PM on 2/18/16.

CODES & REGULATIONS-CHRIS SHERBOURNE

The committee is scheduled to meet at 7:00 PM on 2/22/16.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported normal testing, maintenance and operations at both the WTP and the WWTP.

LED lights at the WWTP are operating brighter at less cost.

Sanitary sewer cleaning of over 5000 feet of line is completed each month.

Engineering for the sewer line extension across the golf course and east on SR 95 has been completed and the drawings and permit to install (PTI) have been forwarded to the OEPA.

OURS Excavating has begun the sanitary line realignment project in the south end of the Village. The project is expected to be completed with the replacement of 28 manholes within the next 6 weeks.

Rogers reported the pool continues to lose water despite the extensive search for the cause.

After exhausting every possible cause, it has been determined to be the result of a problem with the sealant at the bottom, a problem Astro Pool will need to examine and repair.

Cold patch is being applied to pot holes as weather allows.

The Services Department gained a new employee bringing the department up to 9 full-time, 1 part-time employee and the current WWTP contract operator.

The new County Development Director began in January.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor reported the following appointments for 2016:

Zoning Board: Karen McClelland will replace John Oyster (who is ineligible because of his position on Council)

Morrow County Land Bank: Dan Rogers

Tree Board: Howard Whiston and Mike Clapper,

Metropolitan Housing: Floyd Wogan; Porter explained the assignment should be a person receiving benefits from the Board.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Clapper moved and Hines seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hines yes, Oyster yes, Carver yes, Sherbourne yes, Strait yes.

Ordinance 1738 was presented for the first reading. Clapper moved and Hines seconded to pass the ordinance allowing the Fiscal Officer to live outside the Village to the second reading. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hines yes, Oyster yes, Carver yes, Sherbourne yes, Strait yes.

Clapper moved and Oyster seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 2-1-16. Roll call; Clapper yes, Oyster yes, Carver yes, Hines yes, Sherbourne yes, Strait yes. Hines moved and Sherbourne seconded to adopt the real estate tax assessment for water bills resolution. Roll call; Hines yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes, Strait yes, Oyster yes, Carver yes. Carver moved and Oyster seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 2-1-16 A. Roll call; Carver yes, Oyster yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Sherbourne yes, Strait yes.

Carver moved and Clapper seconded to adopt the CRA resolution. Roll call; Carver yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Sherbourne yes, Strait yes, Oyster yes.
YTD Fund Report was included in the Council packets.
Council members were encouraged to attend one of the upcoming Ohio Municipal League Council Training Seminars.

OTHER

Clapper requested the Codes and Regulations committee work with the Tree Board to regulate Ohio Edison's tree trimming practices, requiring the company be responsible for removing trees that have been trimmed excessively. Rogers stated the company is not responsible for reshaping or removing trees; their concern is to remove the branches from around the electrical lines.

Council expressed sympathy to the family of former Morrow County Commissioner and Sheriff, Thomas Harden.

The Mayor reminded Council of the Valentine Dinner on 2/14/16 sponsored by the United Way.

Hines moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator