

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on January 16th, 2024.

INVOCATION

Emily Shaffer 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. Solicitor Tod Brining, Administrator Derek Allen, Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, Fire Chief Mark Carey, and Police Chief Adam Lakey were also present.

MINUTES

Phillips moved and Fraizer seconded to approve the January 2nd. Minutes. Roll Call: Phillips – yes, Fraizer – yes, Clapper – abstain, Hines – yes, Shaffer – yes.

GUESTS

Alberta Stojkovic with the Morrow Co. Sentinel, Andrew Wick and Captain Cronenwett.

Mr. Wick announced that he is running for Morrow Co. Prosecutor and would like everyone's support. He will be on the ballot in March.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lakey reported that Officer Brady resigned to accept a position with another department. We have received three applicants, who are still in the academy.

The Justice Assistance Grant that we applied for to replace the K9 cruiser was denied. The three radar speed signs have been placed on N. Main, Park Ave, and South St.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Carey reported that the rescue truck is back in service.

The department will be hosting a class to aid first responders with how to mitigate the hazards of lithium-ion battery emergencies. The cost will be covered under grant money from the Ohio Public Utility Organization.

Chief Carey is currently working on a staffing model that will include extended hours outside the current 8:00 am- 4:00 pm period.

ADMINISTRATOR-DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported that a meeting is scheduled to go over the plans for the Home Road Extension project on January 17th.

We have a tentative hire for service worker II.

Allen had contacted the RCAP representative asking for a proposal on our utility rate study.

MAYOR - DONNA CARVER

Mayor Carver had performed a wedding and gave her State of the Village address.

She had received a response from Gilead Township Fiscal Officer, Ric Lyle. He stated that the trustees would like to discuss our request for money. He invited everyone to attend a Gilead Township Trustee meeting.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

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

Hines moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the tax rates from the Morrow Co. Auditor. Roll Call: Hines, Shaffer, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips – all yes.

Clapper moved and Fraizer seconded to pass ordinance 1944 "water rates" to the third reading.

Phillips questioned why we needed to increase the rates. Clapper stated that we need more revenue coming in for the expenses that we have. Roll Call: Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Clapper moved and Shaffer seconded to pass ordinance 1945 “storm sewer rates” to the third reading. Roll Call: Clapper, Shaffer, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips – all yes.

Clapper moved and Hines seconded to pass ordinance 1946 “sewer rates” to the third reading. Roll Call: Clapper, Hines, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Clapper moved and Fraizer seconded to pass ordinance 1947 “refuse rates” to the third reading. Roll Call: Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Phillips moved and Fraizer seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 1948 “GPD contract.” Clapper stated that he has some issues with the wording on the document. On the last page the name will be changed to CIP. Roll Call: Phillips, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer. Phillips moved and Hines seconded to pass ordinance 1948. Roll Call: Phillips, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Shaffer – all yes.

Phillips moved and Hines seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 1-16-24 “tax assessment for water”. Roll Call: Phillips, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Shaffer – all yes. Hines moved and Phillips seconded to pass resolution 1-2-24. Roll Call: Hines, Phillips, Clapper, Fraizer, Shaffer – all yes.

Phillips commented that there needs to be a change in the council rules & procedures. Rule 15 should be changed to Guests. Fraizer moved and Phillips seconded to approve this change and accept the 2024 Council Rules & Procedures. Roll Call: Fraizer, Phillips, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer – all yes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Phillips stated that on 9/30/2024 will be the Bi-Centennial for the Village.

Hines moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Approved:

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor