

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
October 10, 2018  
MINUTES

The Regular Council Meeting of the Village of Moreland Hills was called to order by Mayor Renda at 7:01pm, in the Village Council Chambers.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis  
ABSENT: Mr. Buczek

Also Present: Aimee Lane, Law Director, Jeff Filarski, Village Engineer, Chief Kevin Wyant, Ted DeWater, Service Director, Sherri Arrietta, Clerk of Council

Mayor Renda asked if there were any additions or corrections to last months meeting minutes. Mr. Stanard stated that the word "Agreement" needed to be added after the phrase "Sanitary Sewer Service" in the title of Ordinance 2018-37.

Mr. Richman made a motion seconded by Mr. Stanard to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 12, 2018, as amended.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

**Resident Comments**

There were no residents present wishing to speak.

**Reports from the Mayor and Other Municipal Officials**

**-Engineering**

Mr. Filarski did not have a report.

**-Police**

Chief Wyant reported that the replacement Police Department vehicle is currently in and being serviced.

**-Service**

Mr. DeWater reported that bids for the Police Department Roof Replacement and Village Hall Entrance Project were received on October 1, from Lakeland Construction Group and Sander Contracting, ranging in price from \$974,000 to \$1,015,000. He stated that he and LaBella Architects did a scope review with both contractors. They need to provide some clarification and additional information on their bids, but he is hopeful that he will be able to provide a recommendation to Council soon. Mayor Renda informed Council that there is a possibility that they will have to move forward with this at the November COW meeting.

**-Law**

Mrs. Lane reported that the Law Department hours through the last month were 372.1.

Mayor Renda thanked Mr. Stanard, Mr. Richman, Ms. Sturgis and the Service Department for all their work at Greening the Hills on Saturday.

### **Reports of Committees**

#### **BZA**

Mr. Stanard reported that the BZA met on October 1, 2018, and gave a report based on the meeting minutes, which are attached. The next regular meeting will be on November 5, 2018.

#### **Planning Commission**

Mr. Stanard reported that the Planning Commission met on October 1, 2018, immediately following the BZA Meeting. He gave a report based on the meeting minutes, which are attached. The next meeting will be on November 5, 2018.

#### **Roads & Safety Committee**

The Roads and Safety Committee did not meet in October. The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 6, 2018, at 7:30am.

#### **Facilities Committee**

The Facilities Committee did not meet in October. The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 6, 2018, at 8:00am.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Ordinance 2018-44 Introduced by Mr. Fritz**

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS OF LANCE CONNER PRIEST AS A FULL TIME PATROL OFFICER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Fritz stated that Mr. Priest is from Lawrence, Ohio, attended Kent State University, and graduated Cum Laude. He stated that from everything he has heard about him, Mr. Priest will be an outstanding addition to our outstanding Police Department.

Mr. Fritz made a motion seconded by Mr. Stanard to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2018-44.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Fritz made a motion seconded by Mr. Emerman for passage of Ordinance 2018-44.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

At this time, Mayor Renda swore in Patrolman Lance Priest.

Chief Wyant explained the extensive hiring process for this patrol officer position to Council. The Police Department handed out 90 applications, received 40 back, and narrowed it down to a smaller group where Mayor Renda, Lt. Dietzel, and he conducted two interviews. After the interview process, a background investigation was done by Det. Williams and both the physical and psychological tests had to be passed.

Chief Wyant pointed out that Lawrence Township Police Chief David Brown, where Lance worked part time, is in attendance tonight to show his support.

**Ordinance 2018-45- Introduced by Mr. Stanard**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH LABELLA ASSOCIATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT ROOF REPLACEMENT AND VILLAGE HALL ENTRANCE PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Stanard stated that this ordinance is for a slight increase to the contract with LaBella. A few changes were made and some additional work was added to the scope for a total increase cost of \$2790.00

Mr. Stanard made a motion seconded by Mr. Emerman to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2018-45.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Stanard pointed out that Section 3 of the ordinance needs to be amended. After the statement "...for the further reason that this Ordinance must be immediately effective to..." the rest of the sentence needs to be deleted and replaced with "...allow the additional professional services to be included in the terms of their contract, and the timely completion of the work, including the Police Department Roof Replacement and Village Hall Entrance Project."

Mr. Stanard made a motion seconded by Mr. Emerman for passage of Ordinance 2018-45, as amended

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION:**

Mr. Fritz explained that in the past, the Village has donated vehicles to other communities, which he feels is a worthy cause. Mayor Renda and Chief Wyant have agreed to ask Council for approval to donate a 2014 Ford Taurus to the Village of Woodsfield, Ohio. Their K-9 Officer, Jake Black, who is in attendance tonight, has been driving all over the state picking up several donations from other municipalities. Mayor Renda pointed out that the Village of Woodsfield has a very successful K-9 Unit; however, they currently have an unfortunate financial situation. She explained to Council that Mrs.

Lane has drafted an agreement between the Village of Moreland Hills and the Village of Woodsfield that the car is to be accepted “as is.”

Mr. Fritz made a motion seconded by Ms. Sturgis to donate a police vehicle (2014 Ford Taurus) to the Village of Woodsfield, Ohio.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Renda thanked Council and said that she appreciates their generosity in agreeing to do this.

**Ordinance 2018-46 - Introduced by Mr. Fritz**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENTS OVER CERTAIN PARCELS ON MILL CREEK LANE AND EASTON LANE FOR THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF A STORM SEWER AND APPURTENANCES AS PART OF THE 2018 CULVERT AND DRAINAGE REPAIR PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Fritz stated that three (3) addresses require easements as part of the 2018 Culvert and Drainage Repair Program: 160 Mill Creek Lane, 105 Easton Lane, and 115 Easton Lane.

Mr. Fritz made a motion seconded by Mr. Stanard to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2018-46.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Fritz made a motion seconded by Ms. Sturgis for passage of Ordinance 2018-46.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

**Ordinance 2018-47 - Introduced by Ms. Sturgis**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE 2018 CULVERT AND DRAINAGE PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Sturgis explained that 25% of the stormwater fees collected by NEORSB are put into a fund, which is allocated to help the Village perform stormwater work. As part of the Community Cost Share funds, this legislation is requesting that \$36,000 of it be used for the 2018 Culvert and Drainage program.

Ms. Sturgis made a motion seconded by Mr. Fritz to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2018-47.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Sturgis made a motion seconded by Mr. Richman for passage of Ordinance 2018-47.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

**Ordinance 2018-48 - Introduced by Mr. Emerman**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AUDITOR OF THE STATE OF OHIO TO COMPILE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ISSUE ACCOUNTANT REPORTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Emerman stated that the Village enters into this agreement with the State Auditor regularly to compile our financial report.

Mr. Emerman made a motion seconded by Mr. Stanard to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2018-48.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Emerman made a motion seconded by Ms. Sturgis for passage of Ordinance 2018-48.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

**Ordinance 2018-49 - Introduced by Mr. Emerman**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERRING ITEMS ALREADY APPROPRIATED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Emerman stated that the amendments to the current appropriations this month are for drug trafficking overtime, which is a regular item that we are reimbursed for. Also, funds are coming out of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expense account and going into the Law Enforcement Trust Fund Capital account because there were more capital expenses this year than normal (purchase of cars,

radios, flashlights, etc.). The regular transfers from the General Fund to the Police Pension Fund and the Police and Fire Levy were made because the safety levy funds currently do not to cover the safety expenses.

Mr. Emerman made a motion seconded by Mr. Stanard to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2018-49.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Emerman made a motion seconded by Mr. Richman for passage of Ordinance 2018-49.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

### **Miscellaneous**

Mr. Fritz informed Council that long-time resident and his neighbor, Christina Von Biederman passed away; she was 84 years old. He shared a story about her life from her memorial service about her and her family escaping the Nazi's when she was a little girl said what a great life she ultimately led.

Mayor Renda informed Council that resident and talented architect, John Brown passed away this week. She stated that she appreciated the work he did for the Village in the past, which was always unbelievably good.

Mayor Renda gave an update regarding Moreland Commons. She, Mrs. Lane, Mr. Filarski, and Mr. Kowalczyk met with the developers last week. They are continuing with the behind the scenes work, although it may not be visible that work is actually being done. She told them that we want the trees removed prior to Election Day. She stated that she received a call today that they are on the list with a tree company to have them removed before the deadline she gave them.

Mayor Renda stated that she and Chief Wyant answered questions regarding the safety levy at Greening the Hills. Roughly, 15 residents spoke with them and all conversations were positive and civil. They all seem to understand how hard we work and mostly just wanted further clarification.

Mayor Renda asked Council members to stop by and stand with her throughout the day at the polls on Election Day, if they are able to.

Mr. Richman made a motion seconded by Mr. Fritz to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:43pm.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Attest:

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Sherri Arrietta, Clerk of Council

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Dan Fritz, Council President