

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES
189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

December 9, 2024

Approved

CALL TO ORDER: at 7:00 PM by President Austin Korpala

Roll call: Present: President Austin Korpala, Trustee Sandra Leal, Trustee Paul Block, Trustee Serine Petersen, Trustee Chris Blondia, Trustee Ashlee Feliciano, Trustee Steve Weed.

Absent: none

Guests: Gene Lawler, Eric Simon, Linda Kizer, Dana Myers, Teresa O'Neil, Katlyn Korpala, Jim Lewis, Michelle Lewis, Henry Petersen.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Matters and Comments: None.

Additions to Agenda:

Consent Agenda:

Serine Petersen made a motion to accept the consent agenda, as presented, supported by Paul Block.

Roll call vote: Yes- Paul Block, Chris Blondia, Ashlee Feliciano, Austin Korpala, Sandra Leal, Serine Petersen, Steve Weed.

Committee Reports:

Administration & Finance:

None

Police, Fire & Rescue:

- Austin Korpall reported calling Courtright Water Wells for an update on the tank, it will be ready to install the middle of January. Serine Petersen asked about someone else having keys to the building in the event Austin Korpall is unable to be there to meet them. Serine asked if Henry Petersen could assist if needed in the install. It was determined as long as there was a board member there as well.

- Chief Lawler reported on calls. Also that the 35' extension ladder needs to be repaired. The Fire department has received the new cab and chassis and are waiting on quotes to have the swap done. The Fire department should be receiving a new AED from a grant by the Mecosta County EMS.

Streets & Sidewalks:

- Austin Korpall reached out to Randy Heckman regarding the plowing contract that had been entered into by my former President Petersen. The contract was for plowing and basic salting of intersections for \$4,000. Salting could be added for an additional \$750.00.

Serine Petersen made a motion to add salt and pay \$4,750 for plowing & salting of the roads, supported by Steve Weed.

Roll call vote: Yes – Paul Block, Chris Blondia, Ashlee Feliciano, Austin Korpall, Sandra Leal, Serine Petersen, Steve Weed.

Events & Festivals:

- Discussion of combining the Celebration on the Pond Committee with the events committee so there is a point of contact.
- Ashlee Feliciano stated you can not use taxpayer money to fund events, but that the committees could fund raise separately to pay for events.
- Serine Petersen made a motion to combine the Celebration on the Pond Committee with the Events committee, supported by Paul Block.

Roll call vote: Yes - Paul Block, Chris Blondia, Ashlee Feliciano, Austin Korpai, Sandra Leal, Serine Petersen, Steve Weed.

Millpond & Dam:

Parks & Recreation:

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:

Health & Safety:

Celebration on the Pond:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Committee Assignments

- Ashlee Feliciano accepted an appointment to chair the events committee
- Chris Blondia accepted an appointment to chair the Police, Fire & Rescue committee

Combining Clerk and Treasurer Positions

- Serine Petersen spoke with MML based on the size of the Village the clerk and treasurer position could be combined through an ordinance. They would need to contact the attorney to help with the proper wording, and then the

position would need to be overseen by the Finance Committee. Paul Block stated he would like to hold off on combining the two positions until after interviews were done. Discussion to be tabled until next month.

Job Interviews

- There are 3 interviews scheduled for Wednesday: 2 maintenance positions and 1 treasurer. There are no other clerk interviews scheduled at this time. There was a FOIA request received that Austin Korpak had to ask for an extension on. Austin Korpak would like to have a clerk hired in the next two weeks. Serine Petersen asked for a workshop after the interviews on Wednesday to review clerk applications again.

Appoint a Temporary Clerk

- Paul Block made a motion to nominate Austin Korpak as the temporary clerk, supported by Ashlee Feliciano.

Roll call Vote: Yes- Paul Block, Chris Blondia, Ashlee Feliciano, Austin Korpak, Sandra Leal, Serine Petersen, Steve Weed.

.gov domain & emails

- Paul Block made a motion to pursue getting .gov emails, supported by Steve Weed.

Roll call vote: Yes - Paul Block, Chris Blondia, Ashlee Feliciano, Austin Korpak, Sandra Leal, Serine Petersen, Steve Weed.

Capital Improvement Plan

- Austin Korpak stated that a plan had been started in 2020 but needed to be updated and asked for input from the board to get a capital improvement plan in place so the village could apply for grants.

Rules of Proceedings

- Austin Korpall presented a rules of proceedings that was discussed and asked to be reviewed with the current rules of proceedings and discussed at next month's meeting.

Keys from Chase

- Austin Korpall brought it before the board that Chase had not yet returned his keys and that this could be a liability issue for the village. Austin Korpall asked to be able to contact the Police to have the keys retrieved from him.

Serine Petersen made a motion to have Austin Korpall call the police, supported by Steve Weed.

Roll call vote: Yes - Paul Block, Chris Blondia, Ashlee Feliciano, Austin Korpall, Sandra Leal, Serine Petersen, Steve Weed.

Public Questions & Comments:

- Linda Kizer reported a street light blinking on Deyo Dr
- Steve Weed reported a street light out on the south end of Scott St
- Jim Lewis reported about a street light blinking on the curve of Bridge St and Latimer Dr
- Katlyn Korpall reported a stop sign was missing in the alley by 5th St near Aetna township hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10PM