
Quarterly Newsletter

VILLAGE OF
MORLEY

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January, 2025



Happy 2025! The New Year is already upon us.

The Village Board would like to issue a thank you for your patience as we have been in the process of hiring new employees. This has been a long process, but we believe we have the right people to assist the Village board in serving the people.

Every year the Village is required to complete a compliance report for street funding. This report includes various statistics about the Village. Access it on our website or contact us for a copy.

2024 saw many improvements to Morley. Latimer Park had updates to the bathroom. New horseshoes, and handicap accessible sidewalks and bathroom.

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Trustee.....Sandra Leal
Trustee.....Serine Petersen
Trustee.....Steve Weed
Trustee.....Chris Blondia

Village Employees

Clerk.....Whitney Frisbie
Treasurer.....Joe Riddering
Maintenance.....

Normal Business Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 Am- 1:00 PM
Closed on Federal Holidays

New Employees

Village Clerk

Whitney Frisbie,

Hi there! I'm a Morley Stanwood Alumni and have lived in Stanwood most of my life. I moved to Morley 15 years ago where my husband and I have planted our roots. Together we have five children who we homeschool and raise wild and free. We own a farm that our family takes pride in very much. When I'm not in the office, you can usually find me barefoot in the kitchen, gardening or running around in the sunshine.

When my family isn't busy working the farm, I enjoy watching my kids in their many different sports, horse shows with my daughters, Kayaking, being outdoors, traveling to see different things and watching our kiddos take in the magic of new experiences.

I'm excited to be a part of the Village and I believe that positivity, integrity, and community engagement are all great things I can stand behind. I thank the Village Board for giving me the opportunity to be the friendly face you see when you come into the Village Hall.



New Employees Continued

Village Treasurer

Joe Riddering,

My wife, children and I reside in Rockford. I attended Davenport University majoring in accounting and after working 38 years in the accounting field, I recently semi-retired. I keep busy working a few hours each week running a small accounting service I started with a former co-worker.

While not working, I enjoy spending time at the cottage, hunting, vacationing, and reading. We are the proud owners of two dogs, an 11-year-old Beagle named Gus, and a four-year Black Lab named Ruger.

I am very excited about the opportunity to become involved with the Village of Morley and to work with the Village Council. I am familiar with the area and remember as a young child stopping at Wee Bee's Party Store (may have been under a different name back then) for treats. In more recent times, I have enjoyed many good meals at the Moe-Z-Inn and my son purchased his first vehicle from COZ Motors.

I am looking forward to helping Morley become an even better place to live and visit.



Community Acknowledgment

The Village Board would like to acknowledge the following people and organizations for their donations of time and Christmas decorations to help make the Village look festive during this Christmas Season.

Morley Celebration on the Pond
Dana Myers
Shawn Scaags
Teresa O'Neil
Chad Leal
Beth Kruger
Mid-Michigan Truck and Trailer Repair



Village Information Page

The Village board would like to remind residents and business owner to please keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

This ensures the safety of residents on our sidewalks. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

As a reminder, per Village ordinance there is no parking on Village streets between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 AM to allow for our streets to be plowed.

There will be a budget workshop on February 10th @ 6:30PM before the regularly scheduled Village meeting. The Village board will be discussing the draft budget for the coming fiscal year April 1st 2025 through March 31st 2026.

Letter from the President

Greetings,

First, I would like to thank the community for putting your trust in me to serve you as your next Village President. Robert Baden-Powell said, “Try and leave this world a little better than you found it, and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best.” My only hope is that I can leave the Village and our community better than when I took office on November 20th, 2024. Every one of us has the power to leave a mark on the community. Whether we leave a good mark or a stain is up to us. I am looking forward to working with the rest of the board to make our mark on the community.

Some of you may not know much about me or what I stand for so please allow me to introduce myself. I have grown up in this community and went to school with some of your kids and grandkids. I am proud to have grown up in and around the Morley area where I met my wife of now seven years. We are raising our four beautiful children in Morley and two of them are currently enrolled in Morley Stanwood Community Schools. My family attends church at Resurrection Life Church in Big Rapids, MI where my son and I are involved in the Trail Life program there.

I have a big vision for our community and would like to see some capital improvements during my time in office. I would like to see our downtown district revitalized while keeping the feel of a historic downtown. I would also like to see some changes to Latimer Park including adding a new boat launch and dock. Some projects are bigger than others such as dredging out the pond. All of these projects are going to require us to get grant money. The rest of the Village board and I will be working on a Capital improvement plan so that the Village can be eligible for grant money.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mr. Petersen for his 20+ years of service to the community. He has dedicated much of his life to the service of our community both in the public eye and in private dealings.

Thank you,
Austin Korpala