

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

**MINUTES**

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

March 10th, 2025

**Approved Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 7:00 PM by President Korpall

**Present:** Paul Block, Trustee, Chris Blondia, Trustee, Ashlee Feliciano, Trustee, Sandra Leal, Trustee, Serine Petersen, Trustee, Austin Korpall, Trustee, Whitney Frisbie, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer; Joseph Riddering, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

**Absent:** Steve Weed, Trustee.

**Guests:** Michelle Lewis, Chad Leal, Juan Feliciano, Teresa Oneil, Dana Myers, Gene Lawler, Henry Petersen, Tim Baker, Katlyn Korpall.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS:** None.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Went over SAM renewal. Came to the conclusion that the SAM membership does need to be updated but it is free of charge.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Minutes: Paul Block made a motion to approve consent agenda. Sandra Leal seconded the motion. Yes- Blondia, Feliciano, Leal, Petersen, Block, Korpall. Motion passed.

Communication: Emailed throughout the month text group chat for any communication.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration & Finance:**

· **Financial Report-** Joseph Riddering presented Schedule D for the month of March.

Ashlee Feliciano motioned to accept the Fiscal Budget for 2025 & change. Paul Block supported the motion. Yes-Feliciano, Leal, Block, Blondia, Korpall

- ☐ **Rules of Procedure-** Ashlee Feliciano motioned to pass the rules of procedure. Chris Blondia seconded the motion. Yes- Leal, Block, Blondia, Feliciano, Korpall. Passed.
- ☐ **Budget Amendment-** Paul Block made a motion to transfer \$8,500 from the police fund to the Buildings & Grounds fund. Serine Petersen seconded the motion. Yes-Petersen, Block, Blondia, Feliciano, Leal, Korpall. Passed.
- ☐ **Computer Quotes-** Austin presented a quote from CNB Computers for \$1,096.00. That price includes 2 new monitors, 2 new desktops, all hardware and installation. Austin also presented a second quote from Ryan at White Cloud Computer for \$1,796.96. This includes 2 new monitors, 2 new desktops, & all the hardware. Paul Block made a motion to get a quote from Ryan for everything above and the installation. The quote is not to exceed \$1900.00. Ashlee Feliciano seconded the motion. Yes- Block, Blondia, Feliciano, Leal, Petersen, Korpall. Passed. Austin said he will bring Quickbooks quotes to the April meeting.
- ☐ **Newsletter Format-** The board agreed to shrink the newsletter format down to save on cost.
- ☐ **Heckman's Payout-** Tabled until April meeting. Austin is going to talk to Randy at Heckman's and ask him to review the invoice.
- ☐ The board considered cancelling the Spectrum internet at the police building until a police officer is hired, to save on money. The board's concern is that cameras and internet bridges are connected to the internet at the police building. Austin is going to check and see if anything is connected to that building before a decision is made.
- ☐ **Voucher Procedure-** The board members went over the voucher signing procedure. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> signer that matches the voucher to the bill, matching totals and account numbers. Then the voucher will go to the treasure to have a check cut. Last, the 2<sup>nd</sup> signer will verify the voucher and check amount before signing and returning to the Clerk.

- Paul Block made a motion for the Clerk, Whitney to attend a zoning meeting in Big Rapids on May 7<sup>th</sup> and for the clerk to be reimbursed for mileage and hours at the meeting. Sandy Leal seconded the motion. Yes- Block, Blondia, Feliciano, Leal, Petersen, Korpall. Passed.

#### **Police, Fire & Rescue:**

- **Fire Department** – Gene Lawler submitted his February report.

Crystal with the Fire Department presented “Morley Fire Auxiliary Tentative 2025 Events’ Pressure Tank Update- Leaking Hydrants. Gene Lawler to provide an update.

- **Ordinance Officer report** -

#### **Streets & Sidewalks:**

- **Street Light update-** Austin is working on a bid from Consumers Energy for 10 updated streetlights. Spanning from the gas station up to the bank.

**Events & Festivals:** Ashlee Feliciano presented her minutes from the events committee meeting.

Ashlee Feliciano requested to have Whitney email her the Village of Morley Logo, for events. Ashlee also requested to have the Community Center Events added to the Newsletters.

**Millpond & Dam:** Austin Korpall has spoke to John Delehanty and he agreed to a 45 day extension on the dam sediment sample. The extension is from 03/14 to approximately 04/28.

#### **Parks & Recreation:**

**Latimer Park Report:** Serine Petersen is working on a for fencing around the tear drop area of Lattimer Park. Serine also suggested having the maintenance employee do the fence work.

#### **Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:**

Billy Eckert is part time currently. The office needs his background and hiring paperwork filled out and turned in. Austin agreed to meet Billy Eckert down to the Village Hall to get all the paperwork done. Serine Petersen motioned to hire Billy Eckert at \$17 an hour with a .50 pay increase after 60 days. With no benefits & no cost-of-living adjustment for the year 2025. Chris Blondia seconded the motion. Yes- Blondia, Leal, Petersen, Block, Korpall. Passed. Any hours Billy Eckert worked prior to 03/11 is to be paid at the \$15.00 an hour wage agreement. Billy Eckert needs to fill out his time log and date the hours. The time log needs to be signed by President Austin Korpall.

Serine Petersen made a motion for Billy Eckert to turn in his hours worked before March 14<sup>th</sup>. These are all of his hours worked up to March 10<sup>th</sup>. Paul Block seconded the motion. Yes-Blondia, Feliciano, Leal, Petersen, Block, Korpall. Passed.

Hire Treasure- The board requested for Whitney to email the entire board the job posting on indeed.

**Health & Safety:** None.

Celebration on the Pond: COP Board is working on a June event for the community. No COP events in July. COP event weekend will be held the first weekend in August. August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dana Myers requested to have the COP events in the newsletters.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Serine Petersen suggested calling the former Clerk, Terry Stilson to ask about paying the SAM account.

Paul Block made a motion to authorize Austin to renew SAM payment at most discounted rate. Serine Petersen seconded the motion. Yes-Feliciano, Leal, Petersen, Block, Blondia, Korpall. Passed.

Serine Petersen was not happy with the text communication between the board members. Serine states there is a grievance from 03/10/2025. It states as followed,

March 3- Austin emailed saying there will be 3 interviews for treasurer on Wednesday starting at 10 am. Serine- replied on March 3 asking if there were others that applied for the position. She never received a response.

March 4- Austin emailed saying only 1 interview at 10am.

Serine replied on March 4 asking if it was just the three people who submitted resumes.

Austin replied that he contacted everyone except for the person who lived in Jackson.

Serine states -she went to the Village Hall on March 5 with the intention of asking Austin about the hiring process and for the interview at 10am. While they were waiting for the interviewee, that did not show up, Serine asked why all the resumes weren't sent out to the council members.

Austin replied with, "oh my god Serine, is it going to be a pissing match every time with you?" This was witnessed by Whitney Frisbie and Joseph Riddering.

Austin stated -he did not have to share that information because he is the one to appoint the clerk or treasurer position. HE quoted the general village law as to why he didn't have to send out resumes and include us in the hiring process. Serine asked him to show her where in the law it states that. HE shared with me MCL 62.1 which states the village president nominates the clerk and or treasurer for council appointment if the village has changed from an elected to an appointed clerk and/or treasurer.

Serine wanted to make sure she was reading it correctly and understood it so she contacted MML.

They informed me that no where in the General Law Village Act does it state that the president is the only one to see resumes and make the decision who to interview. It states that the president nominates and the council votes on it. They also stated that the village lawyer could be contacted as they are not legally able to interpret the law.

Serine stated-The council should have been able to see all resumes and have a workshop to decide who to interview and go from there as it has been in the past.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:** Shane Shaw presented a business plan for the building at 187 S Cass St Morley, MI. He plans to drop a check and his application off to the Village Hall on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2025.

Tim Baker commented that the board needs to start valuing it's workers and stop paying them like peasants.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Korpall adjourned the meeting at 9:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Whitney Frisbie,  
Village of Morley Clerk