

Village Of Morley

189 S Cass St

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

December 8th, 2025

UNAPPROVED

Call to order: Meeting called at 7pm by Korpal

Chris Blondia: Trustee, Paul Block: Trustee, Sandra Leal: Trustee, Serine Petersen: Trustee, Austin Korpal: President.

Absent: Ashlee Feliciano; Trustee, Steve Weed: Trustee

Guests: Teresa O'Neil, Dana Myers, Gene Lawler, Michelle Lewis, Jim Lewis

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Matters and Comments: Dana Myers was approached by Sue Woolworth who stated that she was told by Ashlee Feliciano that Maintenance is supposed to clean off Business sidewalks. Korpal stated that Sue was misinformed and that Businesses are responsible for their own sidewalk clearing. Myers also said that Sue was upset that her business poles were not decorated. Korpal made it clear that poles that are decorated were sponsored by Business's. In order for a pole to be decorated it needs to be sponsored by said interested Business's.

- Gene Lawler asked if the Fire Station can continue to be plowed again this year. Just the front parking lot area. The Council Made a motion to approve plowing. Petersen made a motion and Block seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Roll call: Chris Blondia: Trustee, Paul Block: Trustee, Sandra Leal: Trustee, Serine Petersen: Trustee, Austin Korpal: President. Present.

Additions to Agenda:

Consent Agenda:

- November's Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Events Committee Reports

A Motion was made to approve Consent agenda: A Motion was made by Block. Seconded by Blondia. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Administration & Finance:

Police, Fire & Rescue: Gene Lawler asked if there was any word on the Hydrant. Korpal responded not at this time. Gene stated there were 5 rescues equaling 25 hours, 8 Highway hours, three fire runs and 2 rescues.

Lawler stated there will be an Axillary Christmas Dinner Sat evening in January. The date is currently pending.

Streets & Sidewalks: Myers stated that the stop sign in the back alley behind the Village Hall should be moved to make room for 2 vehicles.

Events & Festivals: Blondia, the new head of the event Council, said the Christmas Tree Lighting Event was a huge success! Korpal stated that some residents did a quick headcount and revealed we had around 350 people in attendance. Blondia also stated that the event was completely funded by donations and that we even exceeded the amount needed. Sponsors included:

- Kuzins Equipment, Morley Depot-Hot Chocolate, Felde Fun Houses-Inflatables and Speaker, Blondia Family- Cookies and Frosting, Duddles Tree Farm-15ft Christmas Tree, Peacock Real Estate, \$500.00, J&D Creations- \$100.00, Bad Mom's Sweet Treats- Sprinkles, MOISD Great Start Collaborative-Ornaments and Supplies, First Baptist Church-Hot Dogs, Buns, and Condiments, Beth Kruger & Family-Fire Rings, Tables, Lids, COP/Mid-Michigan Truck and Trailer Repair-Chips, Skid Steer, Back drop, Mecosta County Optimist Club- S'mores, Uptown All Around Resale- Building for ornament making and helping run that station, Morley American Legion- Cups for Hot Chocolate, COP- Barricades and Coffee Pots, Choose To Stay- Grille, Back Drop, Propane Tanks, Buddy Heater, Morley Stanwood Elementary Student Council-Time to Help With S'more Making.
- The supplies for the Lighting of the Christmas tree came out to \$76,15. Donations were \$650.00.

- Thus far 10 businesses have donated toward the lighted garland poles!! Those Businesses are as Follows:
Kuzins, J&D Signatures Creations, Mid-Michigan Truck & Trailer, Moe-Z-Inn, Morley Depot, Felde Realty, Franks Sporting Goods, Community First Bank, Cross Country Lawn Service.
- Myers stated that people loved the fact that there were places to keep out of the cold at the Tree lighting Event. She said we may need more fire pits next year to help keep everyone warm. They want to add a Cocoa bar next year instead of mixing all the Cocoa and water together because it was watered down. If they have a large Container with hot water and can just add Cocoa to a cup of water. Then have a bar of items to add to cocoa, Marshmallows, sprinkles etc. Myers stated that she hopes to get mugs with Village logo for next year as well.
Korpal and Myers stated that they are hoping to book the train or Sleigh Rides next year.
- Myers wants to add signs by the Highway for event road closures so that semi-trucks know where to take a different route ahead of the closure.
- Korpal Stated that we need to create a new Events page if the previous page is not turned over by the prior events coordinator to the new event coordinator as soon as possible.
- Blondia provided Event Council Minutes for November 11th and November 18th, 2025.
- The Council discussed the Resolution for the events guideline 02-2025. The Council agreed to adopt the Events Guideline Resolution. Petersen made a motion to approve. Leal seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Petersen did ask that the road closures, on the Resolution, do need to be done much earlier for events.

The Council made a motion to approve Event Minutes. Block made the 1st motion to approve. Blondia made the second motion. Motion passed.

Millpond:

Parks & Recreation:

Buildings & Grounds Equipment and Employees: The Council discussed the previously discussed Brush Ordinance. Petersen suggested that Brush, Leaves and other yard refuse be a separate entity than Garbage. Korpal stated that he would work on this Ordinance.

Korpal presented the fees, rules and regulations to become a Notary, which are as follows: It is \$10 to get the application. It is \$20.00 to fill out and turn in the application, and it is \$55.00 to be bonded for \$10,000 through insurance. This is what it entails to become a Notary for the Village. The Council discussed whether it was in the best interest to the Village to have both the Treasurer, Michelle and the Clerk, Melissa become a Notary. They decided unanimously that they would only need one Notary at this time and for it to be the Clerk, Melissa, due to her holding the most office hours.

- The Council held Maintenance interviews 11/25/25. Korpal, Weed, Petersen, Leal and Block were in attendance for the meeting.

The Council chose a new candidate for the position. Chris McHugh who has extensive experience in road maintenance (Over 20 years). He is a local resident and a Veteran with 6 years of service, who is looking for a long-term position with the Village for years to come. The Council stated that upon the background check passing and the drug test clearing he would begin his maintenance position with the Village.

- Korpal will be addressing the snow mounds all over town that need to be removed so that sidewalks can be clear, and people do not have to shovel twice.
- Petersen asked about where abstaining from the vote rules are. Korpal stated that we are in compliance with MML. We follow State law first, Our own laws second, and Roberts Rules third.

Health and Safety:

Celebration on the pond: Myers stated that their meeting got pushed to Wednesday for getting donations. Next year the events so far are Truck Pull, Trunk or Treat, and Motor Cross. They are working with a new Rodeo company to be able to put on another Rodeo for 2026.

New Business: Korpal nominated Petersen to stay the President Pro-Tempore. A Motion was made by Block for approval. Blondia seconded that motion. Motion passed.

- The Council discussed the roles of Committee Appointments and agreed to keep the positions the same as they are currently. Petersen made a motion. Block seconded that motion. Motion passed.

Unfinished business: The Council discussed sending the Planning Commission Ordinance to the Attorney. Block made a motion to approve. Leal seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

- Building bids are tabled until more bids have been received. Korpal is looking into cost of floor heat and looking for Grants to help fund the build as well.
- The Council noted to discuss getting a different Attorney in place for the near future.

Adjournment: Korpal adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm