

# Village Of Morley

189 S Cass St

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**APPROVED**

**Call to order:** Meeting called at 7pm by Korpall

Chris Blondia: Trustee, Paul Block: Trustee, Sandra Leal: Trustee, Ashlee Feliciano, Trustee, Serine Petersen: Trustee, Steve Weed: Trustee, Austin Korpall; President.

**Absent:** None

**Guests:**

Chris McHugh, Chad Leal, Gene Lawler, Patrick Overzet, Teresa O'Neil, Bill Woolworth, Brenda Lambrix.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Public Matters and Comments:**

**Roll call:** Chris Blondia: Trustee, Paul Block: Trustee, Sandra Leal: Trustee, Serine Petersen: Trustee, Steve Weed: Trustee, Austin Korpall: President. Present.

**Additions to Agenda:**

- Bill Woolworths Survey and discussion of getting quick claim
- Gary Chafee wanting to have things removed from property

**Consent Agenda:**

- December's Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Events Committee Reports- None meeting on hold

A Motion was made to approve the Consent agenda by Weed. Seconded by Block. Motion has passed.

A motion was passed to approve Minutes and Financial Reports by Petersen. Seconded by Blondia

### **Committee Reports:**

**Administration & Finance:** Frisbie provided the council with a Deficit Reduction Plan. A line item showed overspent. Money was in the budget.

A motion was made by Feliciano to approve the Plan. Block seconded this motion. Motion has passed.

**Police, Fire & Rescue:** Fire report for December, shows 9 runs and 16 hours. In Aetna and Deerfield township, there were 57 runs all together. There were 8 rescue calls. Lawler announced new members that were added to the department. Patrick Overzet: The new Assistant Chief. And Shamara Woolworth Lieutenant.

Lawler stated that Fitness testing and slide training for water rescue, has been re-scheduled for Wednesday. Then they are going into the pond! Pre-Meeting January 27<sup>th</sup>. February 24<sup>th</sup> Is the Budget Meeting.

Patrick stated that they recently renewed their medical license as well.

Brenda Lambrix from Auxiliary stated that there next Meeting is on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Then moving **forward the** third Wednesday **of each month** will be their **new** monthly meeting: **date**. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> **there** will be the lighting of the sign. In May they will have a pancake breakfast and then the Water Battle. No date currently set as of now.

Lambrix asked Korpall if there was any way we could get the Digital Speed limit signs for Jefferson by the Fire Department. Korpall stated he would look into this.

### **Streets & Sidewalks:**

Korpall got a quote from Deans Excavating for \$10,023.00. Machine and Labor \$4,400.00. Material \$5,623.00. Stating that they will take care of everything including Miss Dig. This is on Cass Street by the Community Center. This total includes:

- Install and maintain shoulder closure
- Remove and replace damaged section of watermain
- Restore gravel shoulder

The council Voted on this quote. Petersen made a motion to approve, and Weed seconded this motion. Motion has passed.

### **Events & Festivals:**

**Millpond:** Gates raised for flooding. One gate is currently open, and one is currently closed.

Weed stated that there are power issues with the memorial. Petersen stated that whenever she had addressed that she was told it wasn't our power grid hooked up to it, but Weed is stating it is. Korpall will be contacting Amy to inquire about who is responsible for repairs needed.

### **Parks& Recreation:**

#### **Buildings & Grounds Equipment and Employees:**

- Korpall addressed the council about renewal of the MAMC Membership. The council voted.

Feliciano made a motion and Weed seconded the motion. Motion has passed.

- Korpall addressed the Council regarding Hammer's proposal for more hours and a raise.

Petersen suggested that we start Hammer at \$18.00 hour and 20 hours a week to see how busy she is and what she accomplishes during that time to decide if she would be needed for the additional 4 weekly hours.

The Council voted. Petersen made a motion and Feliciano seconded the motion. Motion has passed.

- The Council reminded Korpall that Frisbie needs her 60 day review and raise from \$13.50 to \$14.00. This will be done on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
- Chris McHugh, the maintenance man, stated that the Blade is not working on the Blue dump truck. He has started a Wishlist for the maintenance of needed things to help. One thing on that list is a Utility trailer, which he stated can be used, to be able to transport lawn mowers to reduce wear and tear on them. He said we can also put in the donated water tank. He stated our current leaf blower is torn apart, and we need a new one along with a new lawn mower.

McHugh asked if he is allowed to clean up some brush piles after the storm; we had that knocked a bunch of branches down. Korpall agreed that the cleanup was a good idea. Feliciano asked if frozen wood is safe for the chipper, and McHugh stated it will not affect the chipper.

Gary Chafee sent a survey to the Village and requested the Village to remove the hitching post and 2 trees that are on his property. The Council agreed to do so, and McHugh stated that he will try to find a new spot for the hitching post.

Bill Woolworth had a survey done and requested the Village to quick claim him the property at

Mr. Tingley will write up a description of the exact area and location and bring it to the next meeting for a vote. This will be tabled until then.

- Feliciano has given her resignation to the Council and will be resigning as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. She stated that she had the honor to share her ideas, form connections, and be a voice on the board. She stated that she gained experience and knowledge in understanding Village Law, Local Ordinances, and Civic Responsibilities.

Block made a motion to approve Feliciano's resignation. Petersen seconded the motion. Motion has passed.

### **Health and Safety:**

### **Celebration on the pond:**

- Teresa O'Neil spoke for Dana for Celebration on the Pond. She stated that Mom Prom will be Mother's Day weekend. The truck show is August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Ball Tournament. She stated that they are doing more things with the community at this time.

### **New Business:**

### **Unfinished business:**

- The Planning Commission has been tabled.
- The quotes ranged around \$200,000 to build a new Maintenance building for the Village. Korpall will be contacting a Mason to tell him the integrity of the building.

If the integrity is good, Korpall and Hammer will be trying to obtain a grant for the repairs of the existing building.

- Korpall provided rules of Procedure stating that Robert's rules are 3<sup>rd</sup> in decision making for the Council. That we follow the rules as follows.

The Councils own Rules, Open meeting rules and Robert's Rules.

A council member who is present and abstains or does not respond to a roll call vote shall be counted as voting with prevailing side and shall be so recorded, unless otherwise excused or prohibited by law from voting.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm