

# The Village Newsletter

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## Village Council

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 Trustee ..... Sandra Leal  
 Trustee ..... Serine Petersen

Clerk ..... Terry Stilson  
 Treasurer ..... Julie Berry

Police .....

Maintenance .....

## Normal Business Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Wednesday 5:00—7:00 PM  
 CLOSED on Federal Holidays

## Council Meeting Dates and Time

Second Monday of each month  
 Beginning at 7:00 PM

*Village of Morley Residents,*

*The Village seemed almost back to normal this summer with the Memorial Day Parade, MCC's 4th of July Celebration, and Celebration on the Pond.*

*We're looking for more improvements to be accomplished within the Village. Webster St. North, Fourth St. West, and Second, Deyo, and First Streets (East) will be paved in October. New playground equipment is on the way for Latimer Park. The Kinney Park Gazebo has a new roof and soon to be stained. Check it out!*



*It's wonderful to have more events*

*planned after a year of cancellations. On October 31, from 5:00 to 7:30 PM, Deerfield Church will have a special Halloween celebration in the Gazebo across from the stores. Hot dogs, donuts, candy and more will be provided. On December 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, the Village will hold a "Visit with Santa" at the Morley Community Center. The Community First Federal Credit Union will also help sponsor the event. Bring your children to these events for evenings of fun!*



Walt Dosch has been our maintenance work the past few years and has recently retired. He will be greatly missed and hard to replace!



Our policeman over the last few years has been Jared Christensen. He has recently resigned due to health reasons.

# VILLAGE OF MORLEY INFORMATION PAGE

## PARKING IN STREETS



Don't forget—there is NO parking on Village streets from November 1—April 1 from 2:00-6:00 AM to accommodate for snow plowing.

**YOU WILL NOT BE WARNED BEFORE OUR VILLAGE HAS YOUR VEHICLE TOWED.**

PLEASE—NO TRASH CANS IN THE STREET.

## REFUSE SERVICE

Please note: In 2017, the Village of Morley received bids from refuse companies for the purpose of getting a better rate for trash pickup for their residents. The requirement is that ALL residents must use that company if they are getting residential pickup. The company that was awarded the bid is Republic Services.



*If you have any problems, e.g. noise, etc., please contact Central Dispatch at 231-796-4811. Obtain a complaint number when calling.*

## Road Rights-of-Way



Do you realize our Village streets are 66' wide? No, the pavement does not extend the full 66 foot width but the road rights-of-way are actually that wide. Currently, in the Village, we have some obstructions in the rights-of-way that make it hard for our maintenance worker to plow and get around. These obstructions could be trash cans, fences, rocks, wood, etc. This year, on the streets being paved, it is very important to have these things off the rights-of-way. Would you please help us in keeping the rights-of-way clear?

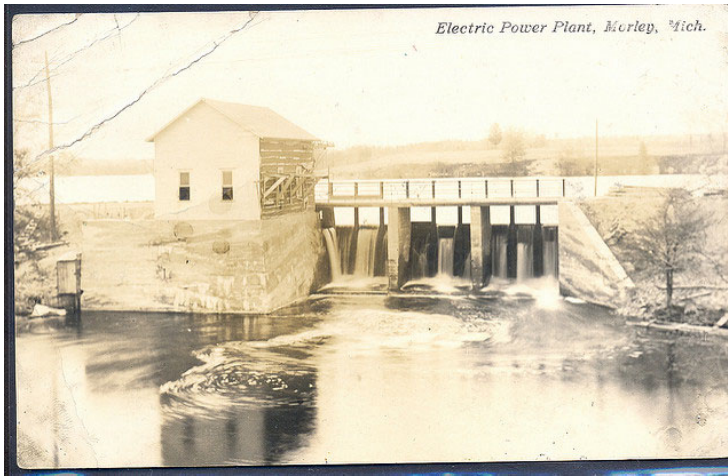
## Latimer Park Grant

Keep watch this fall and spring for new playground equipment that was partially funded through a Mecosta County Community Foundation grant. We are continually going to add new equipment as funds allow. Please let the Village know what you would like to see at the parks.



**If you see anything amiss in the Village, e.g. street light out, fire hydrant broken, etc., please contact the Village President at 231-856-4570 or 231-856-7903.**





## 1873 Bridge Agreement

An interesting agreement was recently discovered in the filing cabinet—The Village of Morley has a bridge agreement document dating from 1873. Of course, this bridge no longer exists but excerpts from the agreement follow:

“This Article of Agreement made and entered into this Seventh day of October AD 1873, by and between the

*This Article of Agreement made and entered into this Seventh day of October AD 1873, by and between the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morley, Mecosta County, and State of Michigan parties of the first part and Amasa B. Watson and Nelson Higbee of the same State parties of the second part. Whereas, at a session of the Board of Trustees held in and for said Village on the seventh day of October AD 1873, the President and Clerk of said Board of Trustees were authorized and instructed by said Board to make and execute the proper contract with said parties of the second part for the construction of a bridge across the South Branch of the Muskegon River at a point in the Village of Morley where Cass Street in said Village crosses said River. Therefore, that for and in consideration*

Board of Trustees of the Village of Morley...parties of the first part and Amasa B. Watson and Nelson Higbee of the same State parties of the second part...That for and in consideration of the sum of Eight Hundred dollars to be paid to the parties of the second part...that they will build and construct a Bridge across the South Branch of the Muskegon River at a point where Cass Street in the Village of Morley crosses said River. Said bridge to be built in a good workman like manner and to be of sufficient strength and width to admit of the passage of loaded teams each way at the same time and to be built upon a good substantial foundation and in such a manner as to be of service and use at all times for the ordinary use of travelling public...And it is further agreed by the parties of herein that the said party of second part their heirs and assigns shall at all times at their own proper expense repair and reconstruct said Bridge without hindrance or delay when same may become damaged or injured in any manner by high water or overflowing leakage or washing away of the dam of the parties of the second part...”

Signed by John Coon, President Pro Tem, Calvin Burtch, Clerk Pro Tem, A.B. Watson, and Nelson Higbee.

## Changes in Parks & Recreation Ordinance

The following changes were made, in the Parks & Recreation Ordinance, at the September 13 Council meeting:

Section 3.1 first line – change 25 persons to 10 persons and Applications will be submitted to the Village Clerk at a rate of \$50 which includes a refundable \$25 if the pavilion or gazebo is left in the state it was when rented.

Section 4.1 add: No staples, screws, tape, or thumb tacks will be used on tables or other pavilion surfaces. Nailed or tacked signs on trees are not permitted.

Section 4.3: LOUD NOISES: Loud music is prohibited. Parties and other assemblies should restrict their noise to a reasonable level.

Section 4.4: PROHIBITED MATERIALS: Silly string and/or sidewalk chalk is NOT allowed in the pavilion area. Cigarette butts should be disposed of properly and not left on the ground or cement.

Section 4.5 LOITERING: No loitering is allowed in any area of the parks.

Add Section 8. ANIMALS

8.1 All dogs should be on leash and controlled by an adult. Dog waste must be removed properly.

8.2 Horses need to be tied to the hitching post and never to any tree or other object. Horse waste must be removed properly, and any holes or other damage made by horses should be repaired.

For a copy of the whole ordinance, please contact the Village office.

# Mark Your Calendar

## **Mecosta County Hazardous Waste Collection**

October 9, 2021 9:00AM-Noon at Mecosta County Fairgrounds, Big Rapids.

## **Halloween—Oct. 31 5:00-7:30 PM**

Deerfield Church will again have activities on October 31 in the Gazebo across from the stores.

## **Visit with Santa—December 10, 6:30-7:30 PM—Morley Community Center**

Bring your children to visit Santa and get some goodies!

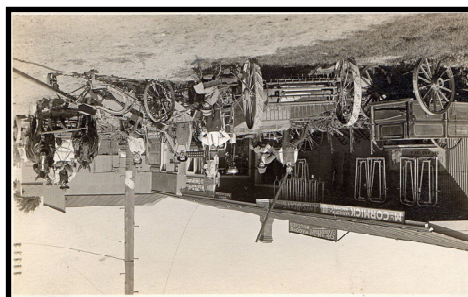
## **Emergency Siren Tests**

The emergency siren will begin tests on the first Saturday of April through the first Saturday of October around 1:00 PM.

## **Morley Community Center**

The Center has room rentals, open gym, open computer lab, coffee time, and other services. For more information, see their newsletter inside and their website at [morleycenter.org](http://morleycenter.org) for more info.

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