

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

**MINUTES**

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

November 8, 2021

**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

**Present:** Henry Petersen, President; Paul Block, Trustee; Sandra Leal, Trustee; Serine Petersen, Trustee; Nicholas Drost, Trustee; Linda Kizer, Trustee; Robert Jusino, Trustee; Terry Stilson, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer and Julie Berry, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

**Absent:** None.

**Guests:** Steven Troost (on phone during closed session).

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS:** None.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Kizer asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Morley Fire Chief Dan Deyo.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Kizer motioned to accept the consent agenda, as presented, and Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll call vote: Yes – H. Petersen, Block, Leal, Kizer, Drost, S. Petersen, Jusino.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration & Finance:**

- **COP Lease Agreement** – S. Petersen motioned to approve the COP Lease Agreement as presented with Drost’s support. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll call vote: Yes – H. Petersen, Block, Leal, Kizer, Drost, S. Petersen, Jusino.

S. Petersen asked Stilson to contact the attorney and be sure that “trade fixtures” do not include the pole barn and other permanently affixed buildings and equipment.

- **ARPA Monies** – Stilson reported the Village received half of the Coronavirus monies - \$25,801 and will receive the other half some time in 2022. She furthered that although we have until the end of 2024 to spend the monies, the Council may want to form a committee to discuss the expenditures. H. Petersen stated we will have a workshop to discuss.
- **Miss Dig Membership** – Miss Dig has contacted the Village of Morley stating that Morley’s stormwater drains are considered a utility and the Village needs to become a member of Miss Dig. Discussion was made and the subject tabled with Stilson being directed to contact the attorney about this matter. H. Petersen will contact Miss Dig to discuss this also.

**Police, Fire & Rescue:**

- **Police Phone** – Stilson asked whether the Council would like the phone disconnected at the Police Station since the Village is paying about \$50.00 monthly for it and no one is in the Police office. She has called Charter Communications and they said they can disconnect it but when we reconnect it, there would be a different number. The consensus of the Council was to have the Police phone disconnected.

**Streets & Sidewalk:**

- **Okay detour for road closures** – Mecosta County will be working on the bridges on Jefferson and 155<sup>th</sup> in 2022 and submitted their planned detours for that construction. The County wants an okay from the Council for the projected road closures. The consensus of the Council was that the submitted detours are okay.
- **Snow bid** – H. Petersen presented a bid from Randal Heckman for snow plowing. Jusino motioned to approve the \$4500 bid from Heckman for the 2021-22 snow plowing. Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll call vote: Yes – H. Petersen, Block, Leal, Kizer, Drost, S. Petersen, Jusino.

**Events & Festivals:**

- Kizer reported that the “Visit with Santa” will be held at the Community Center on Friday, December 10 beginning at 6:30 PM. Deerfield Church and Credit Union will be assisting, and it will be similar to what was done last year. The Council felt that intermingling would be okay with them. Kizer will discuss this with the Community Center.

**Millpond & Dam:** None.

**Parks & Recreation:**

- **Playground equipment** – S. Petersen reported that the swingset was partially installed but she is not happy with the installation as it is not level. The Village has heard nothing from them and the second check for the remainder of the cost has not been given them yet.

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

- **Republic Trash Services** – Stilson reported that last winter Dosch had her look into having the trash service being put on-call for the winter. Stilson had looked into it, and it would save the Village money if we did that. **S. Petersen motioned to put the trash service on call until we decide to go back to the monthly pickup. Drost supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Roll call vote: Yes – H. Petersen, Block, Leal, Kizer, Drost, S. Petersen, Jusino.

**Health & Safety:** None

**Streets** – H. Petersen stated that Reith Riley has done a great job paving the roads, but he is concerned with the specified three feet of gravel on each side of the road. He will have pictures taken and send them to Reith Riley.

- Jusino stated on First Street there is a strip in the road not paved.
- S. Petersen added that she felt the paved roads weren't very smooth and there are spots that water will puddle and eventually erode.

H. Petersen will look into these matters.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Survey of Municipal Grounds** – H. Petersen reported the survey is complete and the Village owns about 99% of one neighbor's driveway. He will check with the landowner and see what the Village can work out with them.
  - S. Petersen thought it would be good to get all the Village owned property surveyed. H. Petersen responded that that would need to wait until spring.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:** None.

**CLOSED SESSION (7:52 PM) – Kizer motioned to go into closed session to discuss Steven Troost's employment. Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Steven Troost provided consent.**

Roll call vote: Yes – H. Petersen, Block, Leal, Kizer, Drost, S. Petersen, Jusino.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION (8:09 PM) – Drost motioned to give Steven Troost a second chance to produce a negative drug test within 30 days and if negative, continue employment with random tests after that. Leal supported the motion. Motion passed with Ayes: Leal, Drost, Jusino, Kizer, H. Petersen and Block. Abstaining was S. Petersen.**

Kizer thought it would be a good gesture to send a plant for Dan Deyo's funeral. The consensus was to do this with each person providing \$10.

**ADJOURNMENT:** H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Stilson,  
Village of Morley Clerk