

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

April 12, 2021

APPROVED MINUTES

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

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

Absent: None

Guests: Walt Dosch (maintenance), and Janet Dosch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: H. Petersen added an item under Streets – “Lawnmower”.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

— **Budget Adjustments** – Stilson suggested the following adjustments to the 2020-21 budget (fourth quarter):

○ Move \$6600.00 from Dam and add \$100 to Clerk; \$4,000 to Police; \$2,000 to Parks and \$500 to FICA/MED.

○ Change Liquor account to total \$2,200; Local Streets to \$146,500; and \$31,000 to Major Streets.

○ **Kizer motioned to accept Stilson’s suggestions with Drost’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

— Village of Morley Policy & Procedure Handbook – discussion. Tabled until May meeting.

— Employees Policy Manual – no changes made. **Kizer motioned to leave this manual as is with Block’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Police, Fire & Rescue: None

Streets & Sidewalk:

— **Parking Lot update** – Dosch reported that the Village and dam parking lots were not done well. He met with the company and they have agreed to return and refill the cracks and paint lines at no cost.

— **Transfer \$20,000 from Major to Local Streets** – Stilson explained that this is an acceptable practice and has been done annually the last few years because the Village needs more money in the Local Street Fund. **Block motioned to transfer \$20,000 from the Major Street fund to the Local Street Fund with S. Petersen’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Events & Festivals:

— Kizer asked whether the COP would be held this year. Leal said yes and they will be holding a rodeo on another August weekend.

Millpond & Dam:

- **Dam engineering** – Jusino reported meeting with the engineer who told him there is a new state dam inspector assigned to Morley. The engineer is quite sure that Morley can get a time extension for when things must be repaired (currently it is October 2021). The Village cannot drain the pond due to possible exotic species that may be present. There may be some financial support available.

Parks & Recreation:

- S. Petersen reported that the Mecosta County Community Foundation grant proposal was submitted for new playground equipment at Latimer Park. Awards will be announced sometime around June.

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:

- **Drain grant** – Stilson stated that a new drain grant will be announced soon and wondered whether the Council wanted to proceed on it when it does get announced. H. Petersen said to pass on it this year.
- **Lawnmower** – Dosch explained that the Village needs another lawnmower. A commercial lawnmower can be purchased for \$5500. He received another bid for \$1000 more than that from another company for a comparable mower. **Jusino motioned to approve the purchase of a new mower up to \$5500 with Block’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

Roll call vote: Yes – H. Petersen, Kizer, Block, Jusino, Leal, S. Petersen, Drost.
o H. Petersen will sell the old mower.

Health & Safety: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Survey of Municipal Grounds** – H. Petersen stated this will be done soon.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stilson, Village of Morley Clerk