

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

January 11, 2021

APPROVED MINUTES

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

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

Absent: Serine Petersen, Trustee.

Guests: Walt Dosch (maintenance), Janet Dosch, Jared Christensen (Police), and Nick Drost.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS:

- Christensen stated it was an uneventful December. There will be three audits this year for the Village. Teresa Havens will assist. Christensen stated that the police are trying to get residents to keep their garbage bins out of the road.
 - W. Dosch stated that he is having some difficulty contacting Weeks Towing.
 - H. Petersen asked whether we could seek another company to assist.
 - W. Dosch recommended McKay's in Howard City.
 - H. Petersen will contact him.
- **Body Cam Policy** – Christensen stated that the prosecutor is against them (body cams) right now. Christensen is looking into other types of cameras.
- **Trash in Town** – Christensen reported that he reached out to Fenstemacher with no results. He furthered that nothing can be done about violations due to no court during COVID. He provided the Village ordinance to the Dollar General.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Kizer added “questions about Village trash pickup”.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

- **Budget Adjustments** – Kizer motioned to subtract \$4,000 from Maintenance (DPW) and \$2,000 from Events/Festivals and add \$3,000 each to Bldg/Grounds and Police. Liquor should be increased to \$1,000. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- **Schedule Budget meeting** – The 2021-22 Budget meeting will be held on February 9 at 6:00 PM.
- **Schedule Employee Reviews** – H. Petersen and Block will conduct the reviews:
 - **Stilson** – Monday, January 18 at 9:30 AM
 - **Berry** – Wednesday, January 20 at 6:00 PM
 - **Dosch** – Monday, January 18 at 9:45 AM
 - **Police** – schedule at a later time.
- **2021 Committee Chairs & Members** – Leal was added to Events & Festivals and H. Petersen was removed. Leal was added as Health & Safety Chair. Stilson added, as always, if she is needed at a Committee meeting she will be willing to attend.
 - Stilson suggested having Committees schedule a couple meetings per year and, if they do not have anything to discuss, can always cancel. She also said nothing has been done about the employee raise policy that was discussed at the February 2020 meeting.
- **Survey of municipal grounds** – still pending.

- **PROTEC contribution** – MML sent a link to PROTEC information which Stilson forwarded. The consensus of the Council was to wait until their new fiscal year and discuss this if the Village is approached again.

Police, Fire & Rescue:

- **Body Cam Policy** – discussed earlier.
- **Fire Department Advisory Meeting was changed to January 27 at 7:00 PM at the Fire Department.**
- **Joint meeting of the Village, Deerfield & Aetna Townships and the Fire Department was changed to February 17 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center (Village hosting).**
 - Stilson asked whether we should have individually wrapped snacks due to COVID and the consensus of the Council was that they agreed.
- **Fire Contract** – was tabled until February meeting.

Streets & Sidewalk:

- **Garbage/trash in town** – discussed earlier.
- **Street bids** – Stilson presented a proposed breakdown of available monies for the Local Street paving project through the MDOT grant and it was discussed. Kizer stated that if we took a loan from another fund it could possibly be paid back in two or three years. She thought we should utilize the grant monies because they may not be available in the future. **Kizer motioned to go ahead with the grant project and take a loan from the general fund or another account. Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- Stilson will contact the auditors to discuss the loan.
- **Countywide Road Millage** – The consensus of the Council was to tell the Mecosta County Road Commission that they are neutral on their proposed 2 mill county road millage (increase).
- **Village Trash pickup** – Kizer stated her sister’s location is not being recognized by Republic as in the Village. H. Petersen told her to give him her sister’s phone number and he would contact Republic. Stilson stated she has received a couple similar complaints in the last few months and had them resolved.

Events & Festivals:

- Kizer reported that the Community Center’s first blood drive held this same day has been successful.

Millpond & Dam:

- **Dam Engineering and Repairs** – Jusino stated there is quite a big difference in the two engineering quotes. Stilson has contacted EGLE to get more information about what is needed.

Parks & Recreation:

- H. Petersen stated that Stilson and S. Petersen are working on a 5-year park plan.

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees: None.

Health & Safety: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- Nick Drost stated that he is interested in the Council position and will submit a letter of intent.

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stilson, Village of Morley Clerk