

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

**MINUTES**

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

March 14, 2022

**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; Robert Jusino, Trustee; and Terry Stilson, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer.

**Absent:** Linda Kizer, Trustee and Julie Berry, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

**Guests:** COP representatives – Dana Myers, Shawn Scraggs, Teresa Ohn, Chad Leal, James Johnson, Katie Hatchew.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS:** None.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None.

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration & Finance:**

— **Budget Resolution – Block motioned to approve the 2022-23 budget resolution with Drost’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

— **COP Lease Agreement – Discussion was made about the agreement:**

- S. Petersen stated she has a concern about the exclusive use of the property and the COP not allowing some groups to sublease. Myers stated that they have not had a signed contract so no subleasing has been done.
- H. Petersen stated that the communication between the Village and COP has not been the greatest. He would like to see more talking about the agreement before signing it instead of just communication through the attorneys.

**S. Petersen motioned to accept the COP lease agreement as written and Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

— **Insurance Renewal – Block motioned to accept the insurance renewal with Leal’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

— **HHW Program Support – Drost motioned to provide the Household Hazardous Waste program \$100 and S. Petersen supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

— **Employee Pay Raise – Stilson stated that last summer the Council approved an annual pay raise for hired employees corresponding with the year’s cost of living. She has had a difficult time finding what the 2021 cost of living was. Social Security provided a 5.9% increase but the Consumers Price index for 2021 was at 7%.**

- Block stated he was fine with 7% but H. Petersen stated he thought it should be 8%.
- **Jusino made the motion to provide an 8% pay raise to hired employees effective on April 1, 2022. Drost supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

— **Treasurer Position – Drost motioned to accept the Treasurer’s (Julie Berry) resignation with S. Petersen’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- Stilson was directed to put an ad in Indeed for the treasurer position.

- **COP Committee** – S. Petersen asked whether there should be a COP Committee to better communicate with the COP. Kizer will be asked whether she wants the Committee under the Events & Festivals Committee.

**Police, Fire & Rescue:**

- **Joint meeting of Fire Department, Townships, and Village** – H. Petersen reported that the meeting went well. At the meeting, he discussed the possibility of the Fire Department drilling their own well for water since the Village pumping system is from the late 1920s and he doesn't know how long it will last.
  - o Block asked whether the Fire Department discussed a tax assessment and H. Petersen replied that they really don't want to have a millage vote.

**Streets & Sidewalk:** None.

**Events & Festivals:** None.

**Millpond & Dam:**

- **Dam Emergency Action Plan and Operation and Maintenance Procedures** – Jusino stated that the plan needs to be reviewed annually. S. Petersen stated that the maintenance worker tried the phone numbers in the Operation and Maintenance Procedures and they didn't work. Stilson will verify the numbers. **Jusino motioned to accept the Dam Emergency Action Plan and Operation and Maintenance Procedures with any phone number changes and Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Roll call vote: Yes – H. Petersen, Block, Leal, Jusino, Drost, S. Petersen.

**Parks & Recreation:**

- **MCCF Grant** – S. Petersen stated that she and Stilson will be working on a Mecosta County Community Foundation (MCCF) grant again this year which is due April 1. She would like to get a nice wooden playground structure at Latimer Park, but costs are quite high. She attended a Deerfield Township meeting and asked if they may be able to provide some funding since they received quite a sum from the Covid monies. She was told that they had their Covid monies designated already. S. Petersen will ask for \$10,000 from the MCCF but would like to have a \$10,000 match from the Village. It could be from the Village's Covid monies. **S. Petersen motioned for the Village to provide \$10,000 matching funds for the MCCF grant proposal. Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- o H. Petersen stated that S. Petersen should ask for monies from Aetna Township for Kinney Park.

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

- **Cameras** – Stilson reported that the cameras at the dam and one on the Police Building are not working. The consensus of the Council was to have them looked at and repaired. S. Petersen would also like to have a bid on putting cameras on the Maintenance Building.

**Health & Safety:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Stilson, Village of Morley Clerk