

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

September 12, 2022

APPROVED MINUTES

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

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

Absent: None.

Guests: Teresa O’Neil, Dana Myers, Tommy Gunn, Shaun Scaggs, Charlie Walch, Edee Losey, Larry Carey, Katie Hatchew.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS:

- **New Business in Town** – Charlie Walch reported he is starting a new business, Kuzins Equipment, where currently Mid-Michigan Truck & Trailer is located. The new business will feature heavy and light duty equipment repair.
- **Celebration on the Pond** – The COP is okay with the changes the Village has made to the agreement and Stilson will send a copy of the signed agreement to the COP. Myers also reported future events which includes truck pulls on October 1 and perhaps a Fall event. Stilson asked about the September wedding and Myers said it had already taken place. Stilson reported not receiving a certificate of insurance from them and Myers said she would send one. **Jusino motioned to accept the new COP agreement as presented with Block’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

Roll call vote: Yes – H. Petersen, Block, Leal, S. Petersen, Kizer, Drost, Jusino.
Representatives from both organizations signed the agreement.

Events & Festivals: Kizer reported that the MS Band Boosters and Morley Community Center will conduct “Haunted Halls” on October 15, 22, and 29 from 7-10 PM and on Halloween night from 7-9 PM. The event will be conducted on the second floor of the Community Center. There will be a concession stand. On Saturday, October 29 the Fall Festival will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at the Community Center and will feature games, prizes, candy and free admission. The Fall Festival is sponsored by the Village. Myers stated the COP will help where needed.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: S. Petersen added “Estimates for Park.”.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

- **Treasurer Position** – Stilson reported that one of the candidates they were going to interview already had a job and wasn’t interested anymore and the other never returned her calls. H. Petersen stated to wait until October 1 and post it again.
- **Ordinance Officer**– H. Petersen reported interviewing two good candidates for the Ordinance Officer position and they had decided to offer the position to Ryder Rodriguez. Stilson reported that his references all were glowing. **Kizer motioned to hire Ryder Rodriguez at \$15 an hour with a 60 day raise to \$15.50; the position will be from 10-15 hours a week and is dependent on a background check and drug test. S. Petersen supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Tree Grant** – Stilson distributed the draft tree grant proposal with maps for Latimer and Kinney Parks. Two maple trees will be planted at the dam on each side of the monument. Jusino proposed planting one maple at the Fire Department in honor of Dan Deyo. He will contact the Fire Department to get their approval. Stilson added there is

a 50% match required but she feels most of it can be in-kind match. **Drost motioned to approve the submittal of the tree grant with Block's support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Police, Fire & Rescue: H. Petersen reported that on this day there was a gas leak in a house at the corner of Bridge Street and 7th Streets that could have been serious if not caught as soon as it was. He would like to see about obtaining a gas sensor for the Fire Department.

Streets & Sidewalks:

— **Unmotorized pathways** – H. Petersen is looking into a sidewalk from the Community Center to 9th Street.

Events & Festivals: already stated.

Millpond & Dam:

— **Prein & Newhof Report** – H. Petersen stated the report figured over 1.7 million dollars to repair the dam. Jusino asked about the application for drawing down the dam, and Stilson replied that she's waiting for his and H. Petersen's input.

Parks & Recreation:

— **Estimate for Park** – S. Petersen stated that she received an estimate for the wood mulch, edging and weed barrier, for the Latimer Park Playset, from New Horizons for \$3250. **Block motioned to approve up to \$3250 for the playset mulch/edging and weed barrier with Jusino's support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:

- **Community Service** – will be in the Village on September 23. H. Petersen reported that they will edge sidewalks from the Credit Union to beyond the Community Center (4th to beyond 7th St.) and along the 7th Street sidewalk.
- Kizer asked where the Village purchased their fuel and Stilson replied at Citgo because they give a discount. Stilson was asked to see what Marathon could provide. Stilson reported that since the Village is contracting mowing and plowing, the Village doesn't purchase much fuel.
- Jusino asked about weed whipping the dam area and H. Petersen stated that was not in the mowing contract. Stilson will print out a Village map and H. Petersen will highlight the areas that the contract is for.

Health & Safety: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Signs delivered** – The Park signs were picked up and are being installed by Jusino and H. Petersen.
- **Geodome** – S. Petersen wants to have the geodome installed this fall, but it will take 5 to 6 men to do it. Stilson will contact a couple companies for the feasibility of giving a bid to for the geodome.
- **Marijuana Revisited** – S. Petersen is still looking into ordinances. Kizer stated that perhaps the ordinance officer could look into the process.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ordinance Officer uniform** – Stilson stated we will need clothing for our ordinance officer. S. Petersen thought the shirts and a jacket should be purchased using the Village colors of burgundy and cream. A couple businesses were suggested for the embroidery.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stilson, Village of Morley Clerk