

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting
MINUTES
189 S Cass St (Village Hall)
October 10, 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; Nicholas Drost, Trustee; Terry Stilson, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer.

Absent: Serine Petersen, Trustee.

Guests: Ryder Rodriguez, Ordinance Officer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Stilson added “Budget Transfer.”.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

— **Tax Collection Resolution** - Stilson explained that an earlier email had been sent concerning this subject. When she began the Clerk’s position she was told that after the tax season (normally September 14 unless it falls on a weekend) she was to collect taxes through September 30 and collect 1% late fee. This is also in the “Guidebook” for tax collection she was given. She has done this every year (this is her 6th tax collection year). The County Treasurer told her this year that was incorrect and unless we have an annual resolution passed before June 1, she should stop collecting taxes on September 14. **The consensus of the Council was not to make a resolution and just collect taxes through the end date – normally September 14.**

— **Budget Transfer – Block motioned to transfer \$10,000 from the Dam budget line to Parks and \$10,000 from the Dam budget line to Police. Drost supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

— **Stilson will provide a balance figure for the Covid monies next month.**

Police, Fire & Rescue:

— **Rodriguez was sworn in by Stilson as Ordinance Officer.**

— **Police Car Change Plus** – Rodriguez reported his visit with Mecosta County sheriff and items he needed for the car and office and uniform. The consensus of the Council was to provide Rodriguez with the items needed.

— **Review ORV Ordinance** – Rodriguez reported that he can talk to people and kids but is not able to give citations if they are on the streets. If they were on the dam (or other Village property), he can give citations. He also cannot use the lights on the police car.

○ **Jusino asked whether something should be added in the ordinance about the motorized vehicles on the dam but the consensus was not to add that since it was already unlawful to drive on Village property.**

— **Violation Protocol** – Stilson asked about the protocol for Rodriguez giving citations. In the past, the police have given her a copy and she’s collected the fines. The consensus of the Council was to continue this process.

Streets & Sidewalks:

— H. Petersen has had Community Service individuals working on edging the sidewalk on Cass Street and will continue as weather permits. He has discussed with MDOT, a new sidewalk from the Community Center to the Dollar General and plans to meet with them about it. The sidewalk needs repairing from Sixth to Seventh Street by JoAnn’s Tax Svc.

— H. Peterson stated landowners need to do a little more like edging their own sidewalks, cleaning up leaves and not leaving leaves in the gutters. He will have Stilson write an article for the spring newsletter appealing to landowners.

Events & Festivals:

- Kizer reported that the Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 29, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at the Community Center for children elementary age on down. They will be given a meal ticket when they enter the Center. Haunted Halls will be held the next three Saturdays from 7:00 to 10:00 PM and on Halloween from 4:30 to 6:30 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Center. Haunted Halls is sponsored by the Morley Stanwood Bank Boosters. The Deerfield Bible Church will be at Kinney Park on Halloween from 5:00 to 7:30 PM and will provide treats for all.

Millpond & Dam:

- **Jusino will install the new signs denoting that motorized vehicles are not allowed on the dam.**

Parks & Recreation:

- **Playset Mulch and Edging** – has been completed and looks nice.
- **Geodome bid** – **Kizer motioned to accept Andrew Mast’s \$850 bid to install the geodome along with the \$150 bid to dig and remove the topsoil and install the mulch. Jusino supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- The Village will purchase the cement, mulch and other supplies.

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:

- **Marathon Fuel card** – **Drost motioned for the Village to apply for a Marathon Fuel Card with Block’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Mowing Responsibility Map** – was distributed denoting areas Heckman mowed and the Village Maintenance mowed. Stilson said she was told by the Village maintenance worker that he also mowed 6th Street and Webster Street and she could add that to the map. H. Petersen stated that we will no longer be mowing those streets.

Health & Safety: None.

Celebration on the Pond: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Signs delivered** – Jusino framed the Clyde Clark Park sign and it looks very nice. The Park signs will be installed soon. Jusino also has installed two of the horse hitching post signs. The third needs new posts.
- **Marijuana Revisited** – Rodriguez provided some information on his research. He stated that Big Rapids charges a nonrefundable \$5000 application fee. Applicants must first apply through LARA and then apply in the Village. Phase 1 is the original application and Phase 2 is how to mandate. The Village can limit the number of applications and perhaps there would be a bid for an application. The Village will need to rescind the order of opting out and then pass an ordinance. He will further research the process.
- **Liquor inspections** – Stilson asked whether Rodriguez could complete the Village’s liquor inspections and he said he can but he cannot give citations.
- **Facebook** – Rodriguez asked about a Police Facebook page and Stilson replied that there is currently one but the Village was not supplied with the password and it is no longer in use. She stated she would rather he post things on the Village’s Facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Pitbulls** – Jusino stated that Pitbulls are becoming a problem in Morley. Rodriguez will check on what can be done. Rodriguez also stated that if there is an ordinance he can take the dogs to the Dog Pound.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stilson, Village of Morley Clerk