

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

November 14, 2022

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: at 7:01 PM by President Petersen

Present: Henry Petersen, President; Linda Kizer, Trustee; Paul Block, Trustee; Sandra Leal, Trustee; Serine Petersen, Trustee
Terry Stilson, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer, Nancy Martin, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

Absent: Robert Jusino, Trustee; Nicholas Drost, Trustee.

Guests: Ryder Rodriguez, Ordinance Officer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Stilson added “Dam Risk grant funding.”.

Treasurer Position – S. Petersen motioned to approve Nancy Martin as the new Treasurer/Deputy Clerk and allow her to have her names on the Village of Morley bank accounts. Kizer supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

— Martin was sworn in as Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

— **Swearing in of newly elected Council members** – Leal and Block were sworn in as Council members. H. Petersen was sworn in as President before the meeting.

— **Appoint President Pro Tem** – H. Petersen appointed Kizer as the President Pro Tem.

— **Coronavirus Monies Report** – Stilson presented the report. To date, the balance of the account is \$22,519.87.

Police, Fire & Rescue:

— **Code Enforcement report** – Rodriguez reported during the last month he gave eight parking warnings, one fire violation warning, and two blight & junk warning. He traveled 85 miles in the Police car. He also contacted Mecosta County about the Pitbull situation and is waiting for a response. The magnets can be painted for the car which will make it look more professional. **Kizer motioned to have the magnets painted, cut and fit for \$75.00 with Block’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Streets & Sidewalks:

— H. Petersen reported that he is educating residents that the leaves in the road in front of their houses are their responsibility to rake and bag.

— H. Petersen reported that he is working with MDOT to get permission to get a sidewalk bid for a sidewalk along Cass St. by the Community Center to 9th St. He has also been talking to them about the culvert on Cass and 9th Street.

Events & Festivals:

— **Fall Activities** – Kizer reported that the Fall Festival was the largest ever held and next year will move ahead to plan for 200+ participants. Haunted Halls went well with the Morley Stanwood Bank Boosters. She is planning the Santa event for Friday, December 9 at the Community Center and the Credit Union will help again. **S. Petersen motioned to increase the payment for Santa to \$150 this year with Block’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Millpond & Dam:

- **PLM Contract – S. Petersen motioned to approve the multiyear contract for PLM’s management of Morley Pond (2023-2027). Kizer supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Dam Risk Grant funding –** Stilson said she just received an email about this program from the State and from Jim Hegarty (Prein & Newhof). There is grant funding available for dam repairs and only requires a 10% match. The pre-proposal is due December 5. Hegarty had provided the Village with an August 2022 report stating that the cost to repair the dam would be over 1.7 million dollars and said he would write the pre-proposal for \$2000. **S. Petersen motioned to hire Jim Hegarty (\$2000) to complete the pre-proposal for dam repairs, with Kizer’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Parks & Recreation:

- **Geodome –** S. Petersen reported that the mulch for the geodome is unavailable at this time and will wait until spring to complete the project. The Village can bid it out again or get volunteers to install it.
- **Michigan Spark Grants –** Stilson reported that she listened to a Zoom conference on the availability of this funding. The grants are for public recreation facilities. The minimum grant amount is \$100,000 and the maximum is one million dollars. No match is required. There will be three rounds with the first proposals being due on December 19. The following two rounds will be accepting proposals in 2023. Each proposal can only have one location (park) on it but each entity can submit up to three applications.
 - o Some suggestions for Latimer Park were a better boat launch, install some fencing, create a swimming area, improve the bathrooms with a new septic, create a splashpad. Council members will ponder this and devise a more definite plan at the next Council meeting.

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:

- **Marathon Fuel card –** Stilson reported that when she was completing the application for the fuel card it said there is a \$10 month charge if 1000 gallons or more were not purchased. She stated that the Village does not purchase that much fuel. She also contacted the company, and they would not waive the fee. The consensus of the Council was not to obtain the fuel card at this time.

Health & Safety: None.

Celebration on the Pond: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Sign installation –** H. Petersen stated that the Latimer Park Pavilion sign will be installed this fall and the park sign next spring.
- **Loader –** S. Petersen reported that Shaun from Mid-Michigan was kind enough to remove the loader’s flat tire and fix it for nothing. A Facebook appreciation was sent out.
- **Marijuana Revisited –** S. Petersen is still working on it.
- **Pitbulls in Morley –** H. Petersen stated that this subject can be removed at this time because he can’t see anything that can be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stilson,
Village of Morley Clerk