

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

December 12, 2022

APPROVED MINUTES

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

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

Absent: Paul Block, Trustee.

Guests: Michelle Lewis, Jim Lewis, Austin Korpala, Tim Baker, and Ryder Rodriguez, Ordinance Officer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS:

- Michelle Lewis stated she was concerned about the Pitbull subject in the previous minutes since she owns a Pitbull. H. Petersen stated there was an incident this year with Pitbulls so the subject was brought up but nothing at this time will be done.
- Tim Baker stated that he has talked with H. Petersen and is interested in sitting on the Board. He moved to Morley four years ago and is the Lakeview Baptist Assistant Pastor. He would like to help make the community a better place.
 - H. Petersen stated that he would like to appoint Tim Baker to the Council. **Leal motioned to accept Baker as a Council member with Kizer’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- Baker will take Robert Jusino’s position. Swearing in will be next month or before next month’s meeting.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

- **Two Council Member vacancies** – One vacancy was just filled and another needs to be filled due to Bob Jusino and Nick Drost deciding not to run for the positions.
- **Payback portion of loan from Major Streets** – Kizer motioned to repay Major Streets \$25,000 (half of the amount) of the loan, from Local Streets, that was borrowed so the Local Streets account could pay for the 2021 paving. S. Petersen supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Police, Fire & Rescue:

- **Code Enforcement report** – Rodriguez reported that he has given 17 violation warning involving curfew and parking violations. He has begun a RAIFF filing system to keep violations and contacts in order. He will pick up the Police Car soon with the new magnets on the sides.
 - H. Petersen stated Rodriguez may want to look into the burned house on Scott Street. Stilson has been working with the Building Department on getting it torn down. The owners have repeatedly stated they would tear it down but haven’t thus far.
 - Rodriguez asked about a spring community service “Fill a Cop Car” Food Drive and give the food to a food pantry. The Council thought that would be a good idea. Kizer wondered if January around Martin Luther King Day would be a good time.

Streets & Sidewalks:

- **Sidewalk along Cass Street** – H. Petersen stated he is still working with MDOT to get permission for the sidewalk from the Community Center to 9th Street.

Events & Festivals:

- **Visit with Santa** – Kizer reported that the Visit with Santa at the Community Center on December 9 went well. There were 75 youth plus as many adults who attended. The Credit Union provided the snacks and Deerfield Church sang Christmas carols and provided hot chocolate. The Village provided crafts and paid Santa for the event.

Millpond & Dam:

- **Lights at the Dam** – Everyone spoke of their pleasure about the Christmas lights that are being displayed at the dam.

Parks & Recreation:

- **Michigan Spark Grants** – Stilson reported that the grant will be due around February or March and a resolution will need to be passed by the Council, and submitted with the proposal, with the items they want to apply for and their costs. The desired items for Latimer Park are a splashpad with well and septic, new boat launch and walkway to the launch, fencing around the tear shaped park area, bathroom upgrade.
- **Fires at Latimer** – S. Petersen stated that there have been fires started in the fireplace at Latimer and she wondered if that should be stopped. Stilson replied that it is in our Park Ordinance and on our new sign that fires can be lit in the fireplace so we would need to change the ordinance and sign.
- **Lights** – S. Petersen stated that in addition to the Christmas lights at the dam she is planning for lights at the Pavilion and Village Hall.

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:

- **DNR Community Forestry grant** – Stilson reported that this grant has been awarded and the Village will need to plan and plant trees before September 1, 2023, so a spring planting should be planned.

Health & Safety: None.

Celebration on the Pond: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Marijuana Revisited** – S. Petersen is still working on it.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- Austin Korpala stated that the sidewalk near him on Scott Street needs repairing. He was also wondering if the Village will have vandalism problems with the Christmas lights. There is also an ATV problem in Morley. H. Petersen responded that if he sees vandalism happening or problems with ATVs, he should call Mecosta County.

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stilson,
Village of Morley Clerk