

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

January 9, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES

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

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

Absent: None

Guests: Michelle Lewis, Jim Lewis, Austin Korpala, Shane Shaw, and Ryder Rodriguez, Ordinance Officer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS: None

Swearing In – Tim Baker was sworn into the office of Village Trustee by the Clerk.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Stilson reported that she had received the bill for the January newsletters from Ferris Printing Services for \$117.18 and that should be included with Schedule D. **S. Petersen motioned to accept the consent agenda with the addition, and Kizer supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

- **Prospective Council Members** – H. Petersen reported there are two candidates for the open Council Trustee position. Austin Korpala and Shane Shaw discussed their interests and reasons for desiring to be a member of the Council. **Kizer motioned to nominate and accept Austin Korpala as the Council Trustee and Baker supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Budget Adjustments** – **Block motioned to add \$500 to the Attorney account and add \$3,550 to the Fire Department account with the money coming from the Dam account which would be lowered by \$4,050. Leal supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **2023 Committee List** – Martin was added to the Administration & Finance Committee and Health & Safety Committee; Korpala was added as the Police, Fire & Rescue Committee Chair; and Baker was added as the Millpond & Dam Chair.
- **Schedule Employee Reviews** – The employee reviews will be held on Friday, January 20. Stilson, Martin, and Troost will have their reviews beginning at 9:00 AM with the Rodriguez review at 6:30 PM.
- **Schedule Budget Meetings** – The Budget Workshop will be held on February 13, 2023 at 6:45 PM before the Council meeting and the Public meeting will be held on March 13, 2023 at 6:45 PM before the Council meeting. Council members need to let Stilson know of any changes they may want to their budgets.

Police, Fire & Rescue:

- **Code Enforcement report** – Rodriguez reported that he will begin to give violation tickets to those residents that have had warnings concerning blight. Rodriguez reported the Fill-a-Cop-Car event will be held on Thursday, January 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Community Center. Stilson replied that she has stated on Facebook that people could bring their items to the Village Hall during open hours if they preferred.

Streets & Sidewalks:

- **Sidewalk along Cass Street** – H. Petersen stated he has heard from MDOT that there is no problem giving the Village a permit for the sidewalk. H. Petersen added that there should be a turn lane, new culverts, and curb and gutter on the corner also.

Events & Festivals: None.

Millpond & Dam:

- **Grant for Dam Repair** – H. Petersen stated the grant was not funded but we still want to make repairs, not by completely drawing down the pond but by diverting the water. The drawdown would only be about three feet. S. Petersen stated that she would like to see the 2020 inspection again and review it at the next meeting.

Parks & Recreation:

- **Capital Improvement Plan for Parks** – The plan was reviewed but all the estimates for expenses have not been obtained so it will need to be approved later.

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:

- **DNR Community Forestry grant** – Discussion was made on the timing of the tree planting. It was thought the best time would be the end of April or first of May. The date/time will be determined at the next meeting.
- **Snowplowing** – H. Petersen asked for comments about the snowplowing company. Several comments were stated and H. Petersen will talk with the contractor about them.

Health & Safety: None.

Celebration on the Pond: Kizer reported that the COP event will be held on August 11 and 12 and they will also have a “Test & Tune” event on June 10.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- M. Lewis asked about the Village salting the corners and H. Petersen replied that they are if it is needed. Korpala wondered whether the Village plow truck was still needed and H. Petersen stated that it is because we may decide to go back to the Village being responsible for all the plowing.

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stilson,
Village of Morley Clerk