

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

**MINUTES**

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

February 13, 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; Austin Korpala, Trustee; Terry Stilson, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer; Nancy Martin, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Michelle Lewis, Jim Lewis, Teresa O’Neil, Dana Myers, Shaun Scraggs, Chad Leal, Katie Hatchew, and Ryder Rodriguez, Ordinance Officer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Stilson added: “Social Media Archive” to Administration and “Street Light” to Streets and Sidewalks.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Kizer motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented, and Block supported the motion.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS:**

- COP members updated the Council with their Schedule of Events. The Village was asked to put the events on Facebook and in their newsletter. Myers would like pictures of the dam after it was sided. Stilson will send her some.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration & Finance:**

- **Swearing in** – Austin Korpala was sworn in as Council Trustee by the Clerk.
- **Budget Public meeting** – S. Petersen motioned to hold the public meeting for the budget on Monday, March 13 at 6:45 PM. Leal supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- **Support Household Hazardous Waste program** – Baker motioned to support the Household Hazardous Waste program with \$150.00. Korpala supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- **Social Media Archive** – Stilson reported receiving several phone calls and emails from a company that would like to archive our social media due to FOIA laws. She contacted MML who said “probably” it is needed but we should contact our attorney. Stilson stated that the Village only has Facebook and events and activities are the only things posted on it. The consensus of the Council was not to hire anyone to archive our social media at this time.

**Police, Fire & Rescue:**

- **Code Enforcement report** – Rodriguez reported that since last month he conducted the Food Drive. He did not have many complaints except for dogs off leash. He was asked to hold on the blight citations. When asked about the liquor inspections, he stated that LARA told him he could complete them but would have to work with local law enforcement. When talking to the Mecosta County Sheriff’s department he was told they didn’t like the idea of him completing them. The consensus of the Council was that Rodriguez should conduct the liquor inspections. He also stated the Jefferson camera is down and Stilson will check it out.
- **Joint Township/Village/Fire Dept mtg** – will be held on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 PM at Aetna Township.

- **Fire Department Budget Amount** – S. Petersen motioned to provide \$9000 to the Fire Department for the 2023-24 Fiscal year. Kizer supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Streets & Sidewalks:**

- **MDOT Annual Permit Resolution** – Baker motioned to accept the “Performance Resolution for Municipalities” (02-23-01) provided by MDOT, with support from Korpall. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- **Streetlight Resolution** – H. Petersen reported that he would like a streetlight on the White Pine Trail and 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Consumers provided a resolution that was distributed. The initial cost is \$100 and then the subsequent cost of electricity. Korpall motioned to accept the Street Light resolution (02-23-02) with Baker’s support. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- **Sidewalk along Cass Street** – H. Petersen is still working with MDOT on this and he will be meeting with them soon.

**Events & Festivals:** None.

**Millpond & Dam:**

- **Review 2020 Dam Inspection report** – The Council reviewed the repairs that are still needed on the dam and some will be able to be accomplished this year.

**Parks & Recreation:**

- **Set date for Tree Planting** – April 29, 2023, 9:00 AM was selected as the date to plant the trees with May 6 being the rain date.
- **Approval of Tree Invoice** – Stilson reported that the trees need to be ordered and was provided an invoice from New Horizons. It was less than expected since some of the trees could only be purchased in 10 gallon containers. These trees are for the DNR grant that was awarded last fall. S. Petersen motioned to approve the invoice for the trees (\$3415.00 with \$450.00 delivery fee) with Block’s support. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:** None.

**Health & Safety:** None.

**Celebration on the Pond:** Discussed earlier in the meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

- There was discussion on the barking dogs in the Village. H. Petersen will have Rodriguez check on it.

**ADJOURNMENT:** H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Stilson,  
Village of Morley Clerk