

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

March 13, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Present: Henry Petersen, President; Sandra Leal, Trustee; Paul Block, Trustee; Serine Petersen, Trustee; Tim Baker, Trustee; Austin Korpala, Trustee; Terry Stilson, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer.

Absent: Linda Kizer, Trustee; Nancy Martin, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

Guests: Michelle Lewis, and Ryder Rodriguez, Ordinance Officer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Baker 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, Block, Baker, Korpala.

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

— **Approval of Budget Resolution – S. Petersen motioned to accept the Budget Resolution as presented with Korpala's support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

— **2023-24 Non-elected Employee Raises – S. Petersen motioned to provide the non-elected employees with a 6.5% raise for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Korpala supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Police, Fire & Rescue:

— **Code Enforcement report** – Rodriguez reported that he has been training for emergency management response. It is free and online from FEMA. He issued one parking ticket since the last meeting. He informed the Council that he will be starting a new career with the City of Kalamazoo on May 9. He is willing to look for his replacement and if the City of Kalamazoo allows, could work on the weekends until his replacement takes over. Stilson asked whether he could also be a policeman for the Village of Morley since he will be affiliated with a police department. Rodriguez replied that he probably could if the City allows it. H. Petersen stated that he would like Rodriguez to continue at the Village if the City and his time allows.

— **Joint Township/Village/Fire Dept. meeting** – minutes from the meeting were distributed on an earlier date. Lewis stated that some would like to see quarterly meetings again and would probably be in June, September and December with the joint meeting in February.

— **Request for Attorney Cost** – Stilson was approached by Deerfield Township to provide a portion of the cost for an attorney when their supervisor gains some information concerning the Fire Department. The Council will think about this and decide when an amount is provided.

Streets & Sidewalks:

— **Village Hall Flowerbox** – H. Petersen reported that the flowerbox was hit by the backhoe and damaged. Stilson stated that her husband who used to be a brick and stone mason would repair it for just the cost of supplies but it will probably be impossible to completely match the brick and mortar. H. Petersen said he would look into it and discuss it at the next meeting.

Events & Festivals:

- **Renew Hometown Deco contract – Baker motioned to accept the three-year contract at \$693 per year (9 pole decorations). Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Millpond & Dam:

- **Review Dam Emergency Action Plan – Korpall motioned to accept the Action Plan with the changes made by Stilson. Baker supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Dam Operation and Maintenance Procedures – S. Petersen motioned to accept the Operation and Maintenance Procedures with the changes made by Stilson. Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Permission to get permit to drawdown Pond – Baker motioned to apply for a permit to drawdown the Pond to make repairs on the dam. Leal supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Parks & Recreation:

- **CIP Park Plan approval – S. Petersen asked that paving/sealing the Latimer Park roadway be added in the fiscal year 2024-25. Stilson said she would put \$50,000 down for that. Korpall motioned to accept the CIP Park Plan with the noted change and Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Spark Grant Resolution – S. Petersen motioned to accept the Spark grant resolution as presented with Korpall's support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Chimney Sweep at Latimer Park – S. Petersen stated that she feels the chimney in the fireplace at Latimer Park should be cleaned if it continues to be used. S. Petersen motioned to have the chimney cleaned for up to \$300 and use Covid monies. Korpall supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- o Block will look into what a new fireplace grate would cost.

- **Geodome installation – S. Petersen stated that the maintenance worker will dig the holes for the geodome but will need to purchase a plastic fence to keep people out of the area. She furthered that the installation will be accomplished on April 29 (same day as Tree Planting) with volunteer help.**

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees: None.

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:

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stilson,
Village of Morley Clerk