

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

**MINUTES**

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

May 8, 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; Austin Korpala, Trustee; Terry Stilson, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer; Nancy Martin, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

**Absent:** Tim Baker, Trustee.

**Guests:** None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS:** None.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** S. Petersen added “Letter about Memorial” under Parks & Recreation.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** S. Petersen motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented, and Korpala supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration & Finance:**

- **Confidential Fraud Document** – Stilson reported that the auditors would like the Council to complete the forms that she put in their mailboxes concerning fraud. After completing it, insert it into an envelope, seal it, and return it to Stilson and she will put it in the Auditors envelope.

**Police, Fire & Rescue:**

- **Code Enforcement report** – Rodriguez was not able to attend and left a resignation letter for the clerk.
  - Stilson reported contacting Mecosta County Sheriff Miller and he told her he would post the Morley Police job description and have interested people contact her. She also talked with the FSU person in charge of the Police Academy Human Resources and is waiting to see if she hears from any Mecosta County policeman before sending her the job description for Ordinance Officer.
    - S. Petersen stated she thought we should have both police and ordinance officers and the Council directed Stilson to send the job description to FSU.

**Streets & Sidewalks:**

- **Street Sweeper Rental** – Stilson distributed the quote (\$470) for renting a Street Sweeper that the maintenance worker wanted her to present. He told her that delivery would cost an additional \$340 but that he could trailer it himself. **Block motioned to rent the Street Sweeper for \$470 and allow the maintenance worker to transport it. Korpala supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- S. Petersen stated she will be looking online for the possibility of purchasing a sweeper.

- **Pay remainder of loan from Major Streets to Local Streets** – Kizer motioned to pay back the remainder of the loan (\$25,000) that was taken from Major Streets and loaned to Local Streets (for paving streets). Leal supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Events & Festivals:** None.

**Millpond & Dam:**

- **Drawdown Millpond update** – H. Petersen reported he is waiting for Jim Hegarty to call and get information. Stilson submitted the application for drawdown and the State wants a formal plan signed by an engineer.

**Parks & Recreation:**

- **Tree Planting** – Stilson thanked everyone who helped plant the trees on April 29.
- **Letter about Memorial** – S. Petersen stated that, at the tree planting event, she noticed the poor shape of the Memorial and thought a letter should be sent from the Council to the group upkeeping it.
  - H. Petersen stated that he would like to take over the maintenance of the Memorial since it is on Village property. Kizer replied that there was a reason the Village couldn't own it and it had to be owned and maintained by a nonprofit organization. Stilson was directed to call the group and see if they still are going to maintain it and whether they would want someone else to do it. H. Petersen will talk to the new Legion commander and ask whether they would be interested in maintaining it. More discussion will be made at the next Council meeting.
- **Geodome Installation Update** – S. Petersen said the maintenance worker dug the hole for the geodome but found that installing the footings would be too difficult for him to do. She has contacted Mike Felde and H. Petersen has contacted Olsson Concrete to see if they may be interested in installing it.
- **Public Meeting for White Pine Trail** – will be held at the Mecosta County Services Building on May 11 at 7:00 PM for anyone who is interested in attending.

**Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:**

- **Village Hall Flowerbox replacement** – Stilson showed the color and style of blocks that she thought they could use to make a new flowerbox in front of Village Hall. No one opposed the color or style. H. Petersen said the damaged flowerbox will be removed soon.
- **Flowerboxes at Welcome to Morley signs** – Block asked whether flowers would be planted in the Welcome to Morley flowerboxes. Stilson replied that she would continue to take care of the east one. Block said he planted flowers in the west location last year but the flowerbox needs work.

**Health & Safety:** None.

**Celebration on the Pond:**

- **New Chairman** – H. Petersen appointed Sandra Leal as the new chairman for this Committee. Leal reported that she attended the May 7 meeting, and they are looking for volunteers for their June 10 event. There will also be a Monster Truck show on July 8.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Marijuana Revisited** – Korpala reported that he has been researching and found that last year the State paid municipalities \$84,000 for each marijuana facility. Municipalities can also set application fees up to \$5000 and can regulate how many are allowed. There are medical and recreational facilities. S. Petersen felt allowing two would be enough for the Village. Korpala stated that the Village would need to repeal their ordinance not allowing marijuana facilities. Korpala and S. Petersen will continue to work on this.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Stilson  
Village of Morley Clerk