

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

June 12, 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.

Absent: Austin Korpall, Trustee; Nancy Martin, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

Guests: COP Reps - Teresa O'Neil, Katie Hatchew, Tiffini Prescott, and Chad Leal.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS:

- **COP** representatives reported:
 - Their first event on June 10 had approximately 500 spectators.
 - The Monster Truck event will be held on July 8.
 - Will let the Village know if water is needed from the hydrants.
 - Rodeo Contract was provided to the Village.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

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, Block, Baker, Kizer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

- **Audit** – will be held on June 26.
- **Voucher Signing** – Stilson asked whether a change in the process of voucher signing is needed because there have been times recently when Council members have not been in the office to sign them, and checks needed to be written. Kizer stated that the first person on the list could be the first signer and the second person on the list would be the second signer. That would help the Council to know whether they should come in right away and sign. H. Petersen stated that Council members could text each other and let each other know when they sign the vouchers.

Police, Fire & Rescue:

- **Contacts** – Stilson reported that she has provided job descriptions for the policeman position and ordinance officer position to Mecosta County, FSU, Montcalm County and Newaygo County. They said they would post the job descriptions.

Streets & Sidewalks:

- **Sidewalk** – H. Petersen stated he is still waiting on MDOT for the necessary information before we install the sidewalk along Cass Street by the Community Center. Major Street funds can be used for the sidewalk.
- **Pedestrians** – Baker stated that there is a problem with pedestrians crossing Cass Street, and it is difficult for cars turning onto Cass Street because cars are parked too close to the road in the parking lot on Third and Cass. H. Petersen stated he is working on this.

Events & Festivals:

- Kizer asked whether there should be any Village activities during the truck pulls in August. With the unknown time of the White Pine Trail being paved and with few spectators in town, it was decided not to have anything.

Millpond & Dam:

- **Drawdown Millpond update** – Stilson reported that, the previous week she submitted the revisions provided by the engineer the Village hired. The revisions were requested by the DNR.
 - H. Petersen stated that the gates are very difficult to get up and down and have had complaints of the water being too high or too low.

Parks & Recreation:

- **Geodome Installation Update** – S. Petersen stated the maintenance worker will install the geodome. Mike Felde has offered the use of his auger but water is needed for the cement. She assured everyone it will be installed this summer.
- **Latimer signs** – S. Petersen stated that the Latimer signs purchased last summer will be installed starting the next day.
- **War Memorial response** – Stilson reported talking to the nonprofit group in charge of the War Memorial at the dam and they said they will be repairing the Memorial and didn't need any other group to take it over. Kizer stated that she will talk with the Legion to see if they would assist.
- **SPARK proposal** – Stilson reported that the Village's SPARK proposal has been submitted.

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees: None.

Health & Safety:

- **MML Insurance Risk Management letter** (distributed in an email to Council) – Stilson stated that she replied to MML that the Village will do the best they can when reporting fatalities or hospitalizations of employees getting hurt. (Time reporting requirements are within 8 hours of a fatality and 24 hours for injuries needing hospitalizations).
 - Leal reported that she has gone on the website and will create a notebook of the information so the Village can have all the details on hand.

Celebration on the Pond: Discussed previously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Marijuana Revisited** – Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stilson
Village of Morley Clerk