

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

July 10, 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: Darcy Tucker, Michelle Lewis, Gene Lawler (Fire Dept Chief), Tiffany Robinson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Korpala 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, Korpala.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance: None.

Police, Fire & Rescue:

- **Morley Police advertisement**– S. Petersen stated that we could post the job(s) on Facebook jobs. H. Petersen directed Stilson to do this.
- **June 28 Fire Department meeting** – Korpala stated that the meeting went well, and the minutes have been distributed. The meeting with the attorney will be in September or October.
 - Lawler stated that he and Lewis submitted a grant for fire equipment on today’s date asking for \$10,000 for Deerfield and Aetna Townships and the Village - \$30,000 total. When asked, he replied that there is a ten year turnaround on most of the gear and the wildland gear is less than ten years.

Streets & Sidewalks:

- **Sidewalk** – H. Petersen stated he is getting bids from four contractors for the sidewalk. There will be patchwork between 6th to 7th Streets along Cass Street and then new construction from the Community Center gate to 9th Street along Cass Street.
 - Baker asked who is responsible for the sidewalks and H. Peterson replied that the Village has always done it. S. Petersen added that homeowners need to shovel the sidewalks.
 - Korpala stated that the drain by his property is filled with sand and H. Petersen replied that there is much cleanup to be done since the storm (on June 29).

Events & Festivals: None.

Millpond & Dam:

- **Drawdown Millpond update** – Stilson reported that she submitted the third revision of the Millpond drawdown application. The DNR stated there is an endangered mussel in the Little Muskegon River and they may need to be a survey done before they approve the drawdown. Stilson had asked whose responsibility for the survey getting completed is but hasn’t heard back from them.

- H. Petersen stated that during the recent storm he pulled two gates and then the 6-footer on the dam. One gate wouldn't entirely go down, but the dam is holding a good level of water now.

Parks & Recreation:

- **Pump Pit Toilets** – Stilson asked whether the Council wanted the pit toilets pumped this summer. H. Petersen told her to have it done.

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees: None.

Health & Safety: None.

Celebration on the Pond:

- H. Petersen stated that he had complaints of drinking that was done at the Monster Truck Show held by the COP on July 8 and the Village still has liability for events held there. He would like the Board to think about it and discuss it more at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Marijuana Revisited** – Korpala is working on a new ordinance.
- **Geodome** – S. Petersen stated that she is waiting for the maintenance worker to get caught up after his recent vacation and then it will be installed.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- Lawler distributed Fire Department run numbers by township and village (Aetna-8, Deerfield-7, Village-2, Mecosta Twp-1 and Newaygo County-1) and rescue runs (Aetna-8, Deerfield-5, and Village-2). He stated that the Village may want to contact FSU Police about possible candidates for the Village Police position. Stilson will contact them.

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stilson
Village of Morley Clerk