

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

**MINUTES**

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

October 9, 2023

**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

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

**Absent:** None.

**Guests:** Ron Irwin, Ashlee & Juan Feliciano, Katlyn Korpala and Michelle Lewis.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS:**

Ron Irwin spoke of a number of matters he was concerned about in the Village including park facilities, the poor condition of some buildings in the Village, dirt not removed from streets so weeds are growing in the gutters, the inadequacy of maintenance, dam needing fixing, and travel trailers lived in within the Village. The Council responded that most of these matters are being worked on and the time it takes to get some things done.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** S. Petersen added “mulch for geodome”.

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration & Finance:**

- **Budget Adjustment – Kizer motioned to change the Major Street Expense budget line to \$62,000 with Leal supporting the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Treasurer advertisement – S. Petersen motioned to allow Stilson to put an ad for the Treasurer position in Indeed, with Block supporting the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**Police, Fire & Rescue:**

- **Meeting with Attorney – Korpala reported that at the September 20 meeting with the attorney it was decided that things would stay the same.**

- **Police Proposal – Korpala presented a proposal for a part-time policeman working 49 hours every two weeks for a total of \$833 (\$17 an hour). Kizer motioned to allow Korpala to advertise for the policeman position with Baker’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**Streets & Sidewalks:**

- **Trash Bids – Stilson reported that the trash bids will be opened on October 30 at noon if anyone is interested in attending. Then she will compile the results and discussion will be made at the next meeting.**

- **Deficit Resolution 10-23-01 – Stilson presented the resolution needed because of the loan amount taken from Major Streets a few years ago and transferred to Local Streets in order to take advantage of the grant to pave local roads. On March 31, 2023 Local Streets was in deficit of \$10,641 resulting from the loan. She was contacted by the State that a plan needed to be written to get the deficit resolved. Block motioned to accept the Deficit Elimination Plan Resolution with Baker’s support. Resolution passed unanimously.**

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

Actually the loan has been paid off during this fiscal year.

- **Stimson Street Drain** – H. Petersen reported that the drain near the White Pine Trail on Stimson Street was plugged and cannot be cleaned. It needs to be replaced. He has two bids – one for \$10,900 and the other for \$7500. He continued that if the drain isn't fixed we will have drainage problems like the one this summer. He said the money would be taken from Local Streets. **Baker motioned to accept the \$7500 bid from Greenscape to fix the Stimson Street Drain. Korpall supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

### Events & Festivals:

- **Visit with Santa** – Kizer reported that the visit with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 9 at 11:00 AM. The American Legion has joined the Village and MCC and the Credit Union for this Christmas event.

### Millpond & Dam:

- **Drawdown Millpond update** – Stilson reported that the project application has been extended as it is too late in the year to drawdown the pond.
- **LOI from Shane Shaw** – **Baker motioned to send the LOI to the attorney for review and comment. Korpall supported the motion. Motion passed by not unanimously.**

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

No – Block, Kizer, Leal.

### Parks & Recreation:

- **Geodome** – S. Petersen reported that the geodome has been assembled and the footings will be poured the next day if weather permits. Stilson had obtained a bid from New Horizons for cushion mulch for \$1200. **S. Petersen made a motion to purchase the cushion mulch for \$1200 and pay Mike Felde \$500 for installing the geodome. Monies will be taken from the Covid fund. Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

### Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:

- **Mower** – Korpall asked whether the old lawn mower can be sold. H. Petersen replied that he was okay with it. Baker will look into it.

Health & Safety: None.

Celebration on the Pond: None.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Marihuana Revisited** – Korpall distributed the draft marihuana ordinance with changes made from last meeting. Stilson responded that there were still a couple not changed. Stilson added that she had contacted MML and received a link to a large quantity of information. She stated that there were a couple things the ordinance did not address after reading some of the information. She will forward the information to Korpall. More discussion will be made at the next meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Neighborhood Watch** – S. Petersen stated that she has been researching a Neighborhood Watch. A committee needs to be formed and a plan drafted. Then they need to contact the local Police.

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- Irwin asked about the sand and weeds along Fourth Street. H. Petersen responded that it will be shoveled.

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Stilson, Village of Morley Clerk