

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting
MINUTES
189 S Cass St (Village Hall)
November 13, 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 Korpall, Trustee; Linda Kizer, Trustee; Serine Petersen, Trustee; Terry Stilson, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer; Abbey Kooiman, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

Absent: None.

Guests: Teresa O’Neil, Dana Myers, Chad Leal, Gene Lawler, Erin?, Casey?, Tommi C? Ashlee & Juan Feliciano, Katlyn Korpall and Michelle & Jim Lewis.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Korpall added to Administration & Finance “Clerk & Treasurer Position” and “Council Compensation”.

CONSENT AGENDA: Korpall motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented, and Baker supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

- **Treasurer appointment – Korpall motioned to hire Abbey Kooiman as the new Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, with Baker supporting the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Stilson swore Kooiman into office.

- **Notary – S. Petersen motioned to have the Clerk renew her notary commission with Kizer supporting the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Council Compensation – Korpall motioned to have the Council members paid in November and in March and to amend the ordinance. Baker supported the motion.** Discussion followed. Kizer stated she would like to look into the matter more and discuss it at the December meeting. **Korpall withdrew his motion.**

- **Clerk & Treasurer Position – Korpall wanted to discuss the law pertaining to the duties set under Treasurer and Clerk titles and stated we were operating outside of state statutes having the Clerk collect taxes.** Discussion revealed that the Clerk is also the Deputy Treasurer to maintain compliance. Stilson will look into the matter and report back.

- **Council Compensation – Korpall motioned to pay Council members for special meetings at a rate of \$50 not to exceed 15 total paid meetings (both regular and special meetings) a year. (This would be an amendment to the Ordinance). Baker supported the motion.**

Roll call vote: Yes – Korpall and Baker. No – Leal, S. Petersen, H. Petersen, Kizer and Block. **Motion failed to pass.**

Police, Fire & Rescue:

- **Police Proposal – Korpall reported that he received a dozen applications, but no police officers applied.** There may be two that would qualify as Ordinance Officer. Korpall will review the applications with H. Petersen and decide how to proceed.

- **Fire Department Report – Lawler reported the fire runs and rescue runs made by the Morley Fire Department in October.** He added that he is having difficulty with the pump. H. Petersen stated he would look into it.

Streets & Sidewalks:

- **Trash Bids** – Bids were received from Republic and Granger. **Kizer motioned to remain with Republic and not include recycling. S. Petersen supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- S. Petersen also stated that Republic needs to be contacted about their trucks driving fast and not stopping at Stop signs within the Village. H. Petersen stated he would follow up with Republic.

- **Stimson Street Drain** – H. Petersen reported that the drain is in.

Events & Festivals:

- **Fall Festival** – Kizer reported that the Festival went well and the Haunted Halls went well also.
- **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:

- **LOI from Shane Shaw** – **Kizer motioned to turn down the LOI under advisement from the Village attorney. Baker supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- Stilson will draft a letter from the Council and send it to Shaw.

- **PLM Report** – The report was distributed. H. Petersen stated that the pond really looks nice at this time.
- **Dam Risk Reduction Grant** – Stilson reported that the Council paid an engineer to prepare a preproposal last year for this grant and thought the same draft with a few changes could be used this year. **S. Petersen motioned to submit a preproposal for this grant. Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Parks & Recreation:

- **Geodome** – S. Petersen reported that the geodome is complete, along with the mulch.
- **Park Plan** – Korpall stated that he would like to have the Park Plan submitted by February 1. Stilson stated that she had one almost completed a few years ago, but it needs updating. A new survey would have to be done. Korpall and S. Petersen will get together and work on the Plan. Stilson also added that a boat launch proposal could be submitted to the State without a Park Plan.

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:

- **Tires for Backhoe** – H. Petersen stated that the backhoe needs tires and he has two bids for them. Myers said her company can give the Village a bid also and will send it to H. Petersen.
- **Metro Act Extension** – **S. Petersen motioned to extend the Metro Act with Block supporting the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Health & Safety: None.

Celebration on the Pond: Myers reported that their Fall Festival had 30 vendors and over 1000 Trick-or-Treaters. They plan to have more activities for next year and will report them to the Village in the future.

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. **Korpall motioned to send the ordinance, with changes, to the Village attorney for his review. Kizer supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Stilson, Village of Morley Clerk