

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting
MINUTES
189 S Cass St (Village Hall)
December 11, 2023
APPROVED MINUTES

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

Present: Henry Petersen, President; Sandra Leal, Trustee; Tim Baker, Trustee; Linda Kizer, Trustee; Serine Petersen, Trustee; Terry Stilson, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer; Abbey Kooiman, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

Absent: Austin Korpala, Trustee; Paul Block, Trustee.

Guests: Teresa O'Neil, Dana Myers, and Michelle & Jim Lewis.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

- **Council Compensation** – Consensus that this would be tabled until the January meeting when all Council members would be present.
 - **Clerk & Treasurer Position** – Stilson reported that she has discussed this matter with MML and distributed to the Council the ordinances and resolutions concerning this subject. MML said as long as Stilson was Deputy Treasurer and Mecosta County has not objected, then they could see no problem with Stilson doing most of the collection and processing of taxes. MML did say if there were any questions our attorney could be consulted. Consensus was to leave the matter as it stands.
 - **Appointment of President Pro Tem** – H. Petersen appointed Linda Kizer as President Pro Tem. Vote followed.
- Roll call vote: Yes – Baker, S. Petersen, H. Petersen, Kizer, Leal. Passed unanimously.

Police, Fire & Rescue:

- **Ordinance Officer Proposal** – H. Petersen reported that Korpala has not contacted him or discussed the Ordinance Officer position with him.
- **Fire Department Report** – H. Petersen stated that a new battery has been purchased for the Fire Pump and about 11 weeks away from getting an electric start.

Streets & Sidewalks:

- **Plowing** – Baker reported that the last snow plowing resulted in only plowing three feet from the mailboxes. H. Petersen responded that there wasn't much snow and when we have a large snowfall it will be rectified. Baker also asked if they would be only plowing during the early morning hours when cars were not allowed parking on the streets. H. Petersen replied that they will plow as needed no matter what time of day. S. Petersen stated that if people parked their cars in the streets during a snowfall, then they would get plowed in.
- **Christmas lights** – Kizer stated that she thought the lighting around town and at the dam was very nice.

Events & Festivals:

- **Visit with Santa** – Kizer reported that the visit with Santa went well this year during its new time and day of the week. Forty-one families and 91 youths were present. The American Legion provided bags of candy and toys. The Credit Union provided cookies. The American Legion also helped decorate and MCC supplied decorations and the building. It was a good group effort.

Millpond & Dam:

- **Dam Risk Reduction Grant** – Baker asked about the grant preproposal. Stilson responded that she had sent the preproposal to the State on the required day of December 4 and had emailed the preproposal to all the Council.

Parks & Recreation:

- **Park Plan** – S. Petersen reported that with everything that is needed to be done on the Park Plan before it can be distributed to the public for their minimum 30-day review and then a public meeting and Council meeting for approval, there is just not time to get it completed by February 1. A questionnaire was distributed to the Council and Council members were asked to respond to Stilson about any changes. A Survey Monkey or Google Survey will be done, and links put on Facebook and the Village website, along with inserting it in the January newsletter.

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:

- **Tires for Backhoe** – H. Petersen stated that the backhoe tires would be installed during this week.

Health & Safety: None.

Celebration on the Pond: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Marihuana Revisited – still being reviewed by the attorney.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Noise Ordinance** – Baker asked about the Village Noise Ordinance. H. Petersen responded that yes the Village and State have noise ordinances. The incident that happened recently has been resolved.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- **Salt for roads** – M. Lewis asked whether the entire road would be salted or just the intersections. She said 4th Street was very icy during the last snowstorm and only the intersections were salted. H. Petersen stated he would look into this.

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stilson,
Village of Morley Clerk