

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting
MINUTES
189 S Cass St (Village Hall)
January 8, 2024
APPROVED MINUTES

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

Present: Henry Petersen, President; Sandra Leal, Trustee; Tim Baker, Trustee; Serine Petersen, Trustee; Austin Korpala, Trustee; Paul Block, Trustee; Terry Stilson, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer; Abbey Kooiman, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

Absent: Linda Kizer, Trustee

Guests: Ashlee Feliciano, Gene Lawler, Katlyn Korpala, and Michelle & Jim Lewis.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: S. Petersen motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented, and Korpala supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

- **Budget Adjustment – Korpala motioned to raise the Local Street Budget Expense total to \$50,000 (increase of \$14,500). Baker supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Council Compensation –** tabled from last meeting. More discussion was provided. Consensus was made that Council members will start being paid once a year in December to abide by the Ordinance.
- **Quickbooks renewal –** Stilson reported that the Village Quickbooks will be up for renewal in May 2024 at a huge monetary increase (\$649 annually for Desktop and \$30 monthly for Online). Block and Stilson both stated that they use outdated Quickbooks programs at home and they work fine. **Korpala motioned to not update Quickbooks at the time of renewal this year with Block's support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **2024 Committee list – S. Petersen motioned to leave the Committee list the same as 2023 with the exception of changing Nancy Martin's responsibilities to Abbey Kooiman. Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Window coverings for Village Hall –** Stilson reported that the curtains in her office are falling apart and she thought blinds may be better for the windows. **S. Petersen motioned to purchase blinds for both the Clerk's and Treasurer's offices up to \$500. Korpala supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Schedule Employee Reviews – Reviews will be held on Friday, January 19 beginning at 9:00 AM. Maintenance worker's review can begin at 9:30 AM. All Council members are invited to participate.**
- **Schedule Budget meetings – Budget workshop will begin at 6:30 PM before the February 12 Council meeting. Public Hearing will be held at 6:45 PM before the March 11 Council meeting.**
- **Review Capital Improvement Plans – Changes were given for the numerous plans.**

Police, Fire & Rescue:

- **Ordinance Officer Proposal –** Korpala reported that there is a qualified person for the Ordinance Officer. He will discuss it with H. Petersen. An interview will be set up with the Council being notified so anyone interested can participate in the interview.

- M. Lewis asked whether a policeman could be hired through a millage. H. Petersen responded that additional millages in the Village of Morley have not been received well.
- **Joint Fire meeting** – will be held on February 28 at the Village Hall.
- M. Lewis stated that there will be a January meeting to discuss the Fire Department’s budget request and will email the date/time to everyone when set.

Streets & Sidewalks:

- **Annual brining of Two Mile Road – Block motioned to continue the summer brining of Two Mile Road in 2024. S. Petersen supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Events & Festivals: None.

Millpond & Dam: None.

Parks & Recreation:

- **Park Plan** – S. Petersen reported Stilson has an electronic park survey online and the survey will be distributed through the newsletter.

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees: None.

Health & Safety: None.

Celebration on the Pond: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Marihuana Revisited – still being reviewed by the attorney.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resignation** – Baker stated that he would like to turn in his resignation from the Council.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- **Fire Department** – Lawler provided a Fire Department report for December 2023. He also stated that it has been difficult to do rescue runs due to the lack of manpower.
- **Water concern** – Feliciano stated that something needs to be done about the poor water conditions in Morley. She blamed the water problems on the animals that are located within the Village. When asked whether she had gotten her water tested she said no. She was told that she can get a free water test at the County Health Department.
- **Date for January Fire meeting** – was determined to be held on January 24 at 7PM at the Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stilson,
Village of Morley Clerk