

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
189 S Cass St (Village Hall)  
February 12, 2024  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

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

**Absent:** Linda Kizer, Trustee

**Guests:** Michelle Lewis, Juan & Ashlee Feliciano, Eric & Lacy Simon, Teresa O’Neil, Katrina Harkes, Chad Leal, Gene Lawler, Dana Myers, Tommy Crinn and Steve Weed.

**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 Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration & Finance:**

- **Proposed Budget for Public Meeting – Korpall motioned to present the proposed budget at a Public Meeting to be held on March 11 at 6:45 PM with S. Petersen’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Marihuana Ordinance Review & Application – S. Petersen stated she would like to see the application fee raised and H. Petersen stated that \$1200 sounded better than the \$200 fee currently in the draft ordinance. The ordinance was tabled until the next meeting when more of the necessary paperwork is complete.**

**Police, Fire & Rescue:**

- **Ordinance Officer Proposal – H. Petersen stated that an interview has been conducted for the Ordinance Officer position but since the posting was four months ago and it was for a Police position, the Council who conducted the interview thought it best to post the position again. Stilson was directed to post the Ordinance Officer and Police positions.**
  - Korpall stated that there are programs that will pay for training of police. Stilson responded that she understood the training is for prospective full-time officers.
- **Joint Fire meeting – will be held on February 28 at the Village Hall.**
- **Review Joint Fire Contract – the contract was distributed for Council’s review.**
- **Approve Fire Department Contribution – Korpall motioned to continue the annual \$9,000 contribution for the Morley Fire Department with Block’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Fire Pump Update – H. Petersen reported that he has contacted Farm Services in Lakeview and they feel they can repair the old pump and relieve the Village from purchasing a new pump.**
  - S. Petersen stated she would like to see a workshop with area fire departments that use our pump. They have suggested having a rolodex type lock on the pump door so they can have access.

**Streets & Sidewalks:** None.

**Events & Festivals:** None.

**Millpond & Dam:**

- **Dam Inspection** – Stilson reported that 2024 is the year we need an inspection of the dam and the EGLE will be conducting it.

**Parks & Recreation:**

- **Park Plan Survey Compilation** – Stilson distributed the current compilation from the Park Plan Survey. She said she has been regularly receiving them so it isn't a final compilation. S. Petersen stated we should put a deadline on them – the week before the March meeting. Then the public process for the Park Plan can begin.

**Fire Report** – Fire Chief Gene Lawler distributed the January report for the Fire Department.

**Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:** None.

**Health & Safety:** None.

**Celebration on the Pond:**

- Myers stated that they are discussing an event with a person interested in kickboxing and mixed martial arts. They would like to have a beer tent at this event. H. Petersen responded that the Village will contact our insurance company about the feasibility of a beer tent. Myers continued that the COP has a number of events planned for this year.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A member of the public asked about the Community Garden at MCC and had sent emails to the Clerk about it. Stilson said she has received no emails. They will send the information again. There is a meeting on February 29 at 6 PM if anyone is interested in attending.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

- Michelle Lewis asked the Council why they allowed purchases made without the Council voting on them. Korpall stated that the \$75,000 for the Fire pump should have been voted on before purchasing. He stated that it is a state law that has to be voted on. H. Petersen stated that the President can purchase equipment or items that are an emergency and said we would look into the law. Stilson asked Korpall to send her a copy of the state law.
- Gene Lawler stated there would be meetings about Mutual Aid at Aetna and Deerfield Townships on February 14 beginning at 7:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Stilson,  
Village of Morley Clerk