

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
PERRY TOWNSHIP HALL

Tuesday, April 13, 2021
6:00 p.m.
(Approved 05/11/21)

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Harold Dickerson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Members Present: Philip Hruska, Todd Scott, Phyllis Dickerson, Robert Peterson, and Harold Dickerson.

Absent: Belinda Markell.

Also Present: Attorney: John Gormley, Police Chief: Matt Balsley, Treasurer: Brian Swett, and Clerk: Karen McGuire.

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: None.

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by R. Peterson to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to approve the March 9, 2021 minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Guests: Troy Parmalee – Perry Township Treasurer
T. Parmalee will explain the Special Assessment process and answer questions.

PUBLIC HEARING

9.1 Special Assessment Roll for Village of Morrice Ambulance Service Special Assessment District of 2021

President Dickerson opened the Public Hearing for comments from the public at 6:09 p.m.

Barbara Roll-Wyzga questioned the cost formula in the public notice. P. Hruska explained the formula and T. Parmalee further explained the need for the formula in the public notice.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:11 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Personnel / Police / Transfer Station / Insurance / Retirement

Chief Balsley reported that the winter parking restrictions are over as of April 1st. He explained that with the nicer weather there will be more kids out and about and asked drivers to be careful.

10.2 DPW / Municipal Buildings / Park

No Report.

10.3 Streets / Sidewalks / Newsletter / Web Site

No Report.

10.4 Sewer / Codes

No Report.

10.5 Zoning / Ordinances / Annex / 425 / DDA

No Report.

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10.6 SSES

P. Dickerson gave the February run report. It was explained that some SSES employees have Covid and so they were down one rig due to staff being out ill.

10.7 Homecoming

No Report. T. Scott asked about holding the Festival this year and there was some discussion.

10.8 Budget

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11.1 Security

Chief Balsley explained the estimates from Harris Electric for the lagoon building, the DPW building, and Village Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Special Assessment Roll for Village of Morrice Ambulance Service Special Assessment District of 2021

J. Gormley presented a Resolution for review. There is one error on the first page that will be corrected.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Dickerson to approve the Resolution of Village of Morrice Ambulance Special Assessment District of 2021 as presented, with correction to be completed.

Roll Call: Ayes: P. Hruska, T. Scott, P. Dickerson, R. Peterson, H. Dickerson. Nays: None.

Absent: B. Markell. Motion carried.

12.2 2021 Road Project Bids

P. Hruska explained that the bids were opened at a meeting at Perry Township Hall on April 7th. Five bids were presented ranging from \$82,462.40 to \$109,528.00. Wolverine is required to recommend the lowest bid but because this is not a grant project the Village does not have to accept that recommendation. The Road Committee recommends accepting the bid from Rieth-Riley Construction as they have done previous work for the Village and were found to do good work in a timely manner. They were among the three lowest bidders. Their projected cost is \$84,795.00. This project will be to pulverize and repave Morrice Road from Mason Street to Lansing Road. Since the bid applications went out, a portion of South Street has been found to be deteriorating and in need of repair. Wolverine contacted the three lowest bidders to submit cost estimates to tack this onto the 2021 project. To date, only Rieth-Riley had submitted a bid for the tacked-on project. Their bid was \$6,192.00. The total projected for the 2021 project will be just under \$105,000.00 (\$84,795.00 for Morrice Road, \$6,192.00 for South Street repair, and \$13,648.05 for engineering costs). Before the end of discussion Perfitt Excavating submitted a bid of \$10,874.50 for the South Street add on project.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Dickerson to accept the bid from Rieth-Riley for the portion of Morrice Road from Mason Street to Lansing Road and the add on South Street repair.

Roll Call: Ayes: R. Peterson, P. Dickerson, T. Scott, P. Hruska, H. Dickerson. Nays: None.

Absent: B. Markell. Motion carried.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to accept the change order of adding the South Street repair to the 2021 Street Project.

Roll Call: Ayes: T. Scott, P. Hruska, P. Dickerson, R. Peterson, H. Dickerson. Nays: None.

Absent: B. Markell. Motion carried.

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P. Hruska explained there is also a Resolution to approve applying for the MDOT Category B Program funding for 2022.

MOTION by P. Dickerson, seconded by R. Peterson to approve the Resolution approving application for MDOT Category B funding for the 2022 road project as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: P. Dickerson, T. Scott, P. Hruska, R. Peterson, H. Dickerson. Nays: None.
Absent: B. Markell. Motion carried.

12.3 ATV Operating Ordinance

R. Peterson presented a copy of the Shiawassee County ORV Ordinance and proposed that the Village go along with what the State and County allows. The Board discussed what the Village will or will not allow and gave Gormley permission to draw up a draft for the next meeting.

12.4 Main Street Lots

Realtor Barbara Roll-Wyzga explained that the \$8,000.00 offer for the three vacant Main Street lots is subject to being able to combine the lots and build a dance studio and, at a later date, a coffee shop. She talked to Bert at AGS about the lot combination and the permitted uses in this district. He said both are allowed but she would like a written confirmation to draw up an addendum to the proposal. They are meeting with the Health Department tomorrow regarding the well. P. Hruska mentioned the easement in place with the neighboring 327 Main Street property to allow access to their entry stairs. Clerk will check on easement language and send clarification to Barbara. Ms. Roll-Wyzga asked about property taxes for 2021. T. Parmalee explained that there would be no taxes for 2021 and in 2022 they will be taxed for whatever is on the property on 12/31/21.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to accept the offer and allow realtor to suggest selling 327 Main Street property owner some portion of the nearest lot or granting the easement.

Roll Call: Ayes: T. Scott, P. Hruska, P. Dickerson, R. Peterson, H. Dickerson. Nays: None.
Absent: B. Markell. Motion carried.

12.5 Police Officer

Chief Balsley explained that 1½ weeks ago he received a letter of resignation from Sergeant Hruska. May 2nd will be the end of his full-time employment. He will stay on at part-time until the end of May and then be done. Sgt. Hruska is going in a different career direction. Chief Balsley has posted the position and asked for applications by April 21st but so far, he has had no applicants. The Personnel Committee has recommended \$16.00 - \$17.00 per hour for a new hire. The City of Perry is down officers right now too.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by T. Scott to accept, with regret, Sergeant Hruska's letter of resignation.

Roll Call: Ayes: T. Scott, P. Dickerson, R. Peterson, H. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: B. Markell.
Abstain: P. Hruska. Motion carried.

12.6 April 27th Meeting

H. Dickerson suggested canceling the next meeting if there are no pressing matters.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to cancel the April 27th meeting with the understanding that a special meeting can be called if needed.

Roll Call: Ayes: P. Dickerson, R. Peterson, T. Scott, P. Hruska, H. Dickerson. Nays: None.
Absent: B. Markell. Motion carried.

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Review Financial Statement / Pay Bills

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by R. Peterson to pay the bills as presented. (List Attached.)

Roll Call: Ayes: P. Hruska, T. Scott, P. Dickerson, R. Peterson, H. Dickerson. Nays: None.

Absent: B. Markell. Motion carried.

Announcements / Correspondence: None.

Greater Laingsburg Recyclers sent some information and asked to be added to the next meeting agenda.

Guest Comments: None.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by T. Scott to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Harold Dickerson, Village President
Karen McGuire, Clerk