

VILLAGE OF MORRICE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL

Meeting was held as a Virtual Meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic, under the authority of Senate Bill 1108 executed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Michigan.

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 02/23/21)

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

Council Members Present: Phyllis Dickerson (from Village Hall), Belinda Markell (from a residence in Morrice), Todd Scott (from a residence in Morrice), Philip Hruska (from Morrice Police Department), Robert Peterson (from a residence in Morrice), and Harold Dickerson (from Village Hall).

Absent: Cathy Mulholland.

Also Present: Attorney: John Gormley (from office in Fowlerville), Police Chief: Matt Balsley (from a residence in Owosso), Treasurer: Brian Swett (from a residence in Morrice), DPW Supervisor: Bob Tribley (from Village Hall), and Clerk: Karen McGuire (from Village Hall).

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: Add: 11.4 Security

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by R. Peterson to approve the agenda as amended.

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

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Dickerson to approve the January 12, 2021 minutes as presented.

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

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Dickerson to approve the January 19, 2021 Special Meeting minutes as presented.

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

Special Guests: None.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 9.1 Personnel / Police / Transfer Station / Insurance / Retirement

Chief Balsley included the monthly Complaint Response Report in the packets. He explained that there had been a miscommunication between he and the DPW regarding sidewalks to be cleared of snow. Bills went out for sidewalks that were not intended to be cleared. Chief Balsley called the people who complained, and the unintended invoices have been voided.

H. Dickerson explained the break-in at the lagoon building, what was taken, and what is being done.

##### 9.2 DPW / Municipal Buildings / Park

No Report.

##### 9.3 Streets / Sidewalks / Newsletter / Web Site

No Report.

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9.4 Sewer / Codes  
No Report.

9.5 Zoning / Ordinances / Annex / 425 / DDA  
No Report.

9.6 SSES  
No Report.

9.7 Homecoming  
No Report.

9.8 Budget  
No Report.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 10.1 DPW Employees

P. Dickerson explained that the first time around there were nine applicants. They had three appointments for interviews with two being no-shows. The ad was run again and there were three applicants and three interviews. P. Dickerson explained results of each interview. There was discussion regarding wage rate for a new hire and for H. Bradberry.

MOTION by P. Dickerson, seconded by H. Dickerson to hire Andrew Wisely, as soon as he can start, at \$16.00 per hour, with a possible increase of up to \$1.00 per hour after a satisfactory 90-day evaluation.

Roll Call: Ayes: P. Dickerson, B. Markell, T. Scott, R. Peterson, H. Dickerson. Nays: P. Hruska.  
Absent: C. Mulholland. Motion carried.

MOTION by P. Dickerson, seconded by T. Scott to raise Hayden Bradberry's wage to \$17.25 per hour starting March 1st. This motion supersedes the previous motion regarding H. Bradberry's wages.

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

### 10.2 Website

Chief Balsley explained that we will need to withdraw the offer previously made to Kay Gaffney. Since the vote she indicated that she wants an annual contract of \$1,200.00 for website administration but she will not host the website. Chief Balsley checked with a couple other companies for the services. Revise will start up for \$2,000.00 with an annual fee of \$1,500.00. Shumaker Technology Group (STG) from Lansing will host and manage the website and Facebook page for \$1,140.00 annually. They can redesign the website for \$1,250.00 - \$1,750.00. They will give a three-year price commitment but do not require a three-year contract. They can also do updates immediately at an hourly rate of \$65.00.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by T. Scott to approve hiring STG at \$1,140.00 per year, for three years, to host and manage the Village website and social media and to approve up to \$1,750.00 for STG to redesign the Village website. And to withdraw the previous offer to Miss K.

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

P. Hruska suggested that the Website Committee, T. Scott and B. Markell, could have some input into the redesign process.

### 10.3 Transfer Station – Used Oil Drums

T. Scott contacted Mr. Elsesser regarding the small drum. He was supposed to contact the Village with his

offer. No information has been received. Remove this item from the agenda going forward.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 11.1 Vacant Lots – Main Street

Coldwell Banker Realtors notified the Village that the agreement for the sale of the Main Street lots is up for renewal. They are currently listed for \$5,000.00 each. There has been no interest in purchase shown.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by P. Dickerson to relist the properties for a reduced price of \$3,000.00 each.

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

### 11.2 Leave Related to Covid-19

Gormley explained that the original Families First Coronavirus Response Act from the Federal Government required that all employees be paid up to two weeks leave if they were exposed, tested positive, or were quarantined in regard to Covid-19. This act expired at the end of 2020. Quarantine is still required but the way leave is handled is being left to the employers. The CDC has several recommendations. There was discussion.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by T. Scott to approve the Village paying up to two weeks wages for anyone exposed to or contagious with Covid. If employee is exposed to Covid they must test on or after seven days and if test is negative come back to work as soon as negative results are given. If the employee tests positive for Covid they must have a negative test before returning to work.

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

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by T. Scott to make the actions of the previous motion effective January 1, 2021.

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

### 11.3 Review 2021 – 2022 Budget Draft

B. Swett presented and explained each Fund to date and with end of year predictions. The Budget Committee will meet soon to adjust the final numbers. P. Hruska explained that they will be recommending wage increases of 1.5% beginning March 1st. In six months, if Revenue Sharing is on the mark, they will recommend another 1.5% wage increase. H.S.A. contributions will be increased from \$100.00 per quarter to \$125.00 per quarter as there is one less employee receiving the contributions. At the next meeting, which will be the Public Hearing for the Budget, B. Swett will have budget amendments and any changes ready for approval.

### 11.4 Security

Chief Balsley explained after the break-in at the lagoon building H. Dickerson wanted him to look into security for the Village buildings. He has included proposals from ADT and Guardian in the packets. There was discussion about cameras and motion lights. Chief will bring more information to the next meeting. TABLED.

## Review Financial Statements / Pay Bills

MOTION by P. Dickerson, seconded T. Scott by to pay the bills as presented. (List Attached.)

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

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Announcements / Correspondence:

T. Scott asked about the follow-up meeting with the Perry Police Chief and the Mayor. H. Dickerson explained the meeting results.

H. Dickerson reported on C. Mulholland's health.

Guest Comments: None.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Dickerson to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Harold Dickerson, Village President  
Karen McGuire, Clerk