

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, January 12, 2021

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 02/09/21)

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Harold Dickerson.

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

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: None.

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by T. Scott to approve the agenda.

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

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Dickerson to approve the December 8, 2020 minutes with one correction.

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

Special Guests: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Personnel / Police / Transfer Station / Insurance / Retirement

T. Scott gave a follow up on the Transfer Station cement pad. It seems to be working well. It couldn't be sealed yet due to the weather but that can be done in the spring for about \$300.00.

9.2 DPW / Municipal Buildings / Park

No Report.

9.3 Streets / Sidewalks / Newsletter / Web Site

No Report.

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.

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9.8 Budget
No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 DPW Employees

R. Tribley and P. Dickerson have interviewed a few applicants and chosen one that they would like to hire full-time starting January 18, 2021. The Budget Committee gave the Personnel Committee a wage range to work with. The Personnel Committee recommends hiring Brandon R. at \$14.50 per hour to start, with a possible increase of up to \$1.00 per hour after a 90-day evaluation. Hayden B. should make more than the new hire, so Personnel Committee is recommending a wage increase for him in the new budget. When Bob T. retires H. Dickerson will be the DPW Supervisor again and Hayden will be the Sr. Operator and work toward the Supervisor position. There might need to be a change in the Personnel Manual. Will consider after the 90-day evaluation. Bob T. has not decided what he wants to do other than work two days a week with no on-calls. He needs to decide if he wants to stay on the Village health insurance plan or look for something himself.

10.2 Website

Chief Balsley explained that R. Peterson brought in information on a person, Kay Gaffney, who is interested in the website position. He has checked with a couple of companies regarding hosting and managing and is waiting for call backs. Ms. Gaffney has said she will host and manage the website for \$100.00 per month and does not require a contract.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to approve hiring Kay Gaffney at \$100.00 per month to host and manage the Village website.

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

Chief Balsley will contact her tomorrow.

10.3 Transfer Station – Used Oil Drums

No bids were received for the used oil drums. T. Scott will contact Mr. Elsesser to see what he will offer to pay for the small drum and bring that information back to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 January 26th Council Meeting

If Bob T. has made a decision before the next meeting someone will get the Personnel Manual information to Gormley before the first meeting in February.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to cancel the January 26th Council meeting.

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

Review Financial Statements / Pay Bills

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

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

Announcements / Correspondence: None.

Guest Comments: None.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Harold Dickerson, Village President
Karen McGuire, Clerk