

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
PERRY TOWNSHIP HALL

Tuesday, June 08, 2021
6:00 p.m.
(Approved 07/13/21)

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

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

Absent: None.

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

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: Add: 12.3 Consumers' Grant

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion Carried.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by P. Dickerson to approve the May 25, 2021 minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Guests: None.

PUBLIC HEARING

9.1 Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

President Dickerson opened the Public Hearing for comments from the public regarding the proposed amendment. There were no comments. President Dickerson closed the Public Hearing at 6:05.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Personnel / Police / Transfer Station / Insurance / Retirement

Chief Balsley presented the monthly Complaints Response Report. He reiterated that Sgt. Hruska is officially no longer working for the Morrice Police Department. Chief Balsley thanked him for his years of service and commented that Sgt. Hruska was a great asset to the Village. There has still only been one application received. Regarding the speeding on Britton Road, Chief Balsley did some Saturday hours and made a few stops. He would like to look into a digital speed sign as a deterrent. They run about \$3,000.00 but could be used for many years and moved to different locations. B. Markell asked about renting one. Chief will look into that possibility. T. Scott still thinks there needs to be a 25 mph speed limit sign posted there.

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 SESA

P. Dickerson gave the April run report. P. Hruska asked for clarification about the MIOSHA complaints item. She explained that some employees had complained that there was no Covid policy, signage, or supplies. It has all been rectified.

10.7 Homecoming

No Report.

10.8 Budget

No Report. B. Swett commented that the Committee needs to set a meeting soon. It was scheduled for June 17th at 7:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

J. Gormley reviewed the application history and Ordinance choices. He discussed the Shiawassee County Zoning Ordinance, which allows Self Storage Units by Special use Permit, and is what Perry Township uses, and said it would be good to use as a template if the Board chooses to go that route. He explained why he and the Zoning Administrator both feel that the Special Use Permit will allow the Village more control rather than granting the Use by Right. He suggested that the Zoning Administrator and the Planning Commission meet to define the requirements. Guttings cannot apply for a Special Use Permit until the definitions are complete.

MOTION by P. Dickerson, seconded by B. Markell to allow Self Storage Units by Special Use Permit.

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

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by H. Dickerson to Approve the Ordinance as amended. By checking all the boxes in #2, the Board approves the Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add Self Storage to the Uses by Special Use Permit for the M-1 Industrial District and the B-2 Highway Service District and adds the definition of Self Storage to Article X of the Zoning Ordinance and adds requirements for Self Storage Special Uses to the newly created Section 8.10 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Council worked through the requirements and definitions to finish the Ordinance amendment.

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

12.2 June 22nd Meeting

H. Dickerson explained that with Covid restrictions reduced the Board can decide if they want to move the meetings back to Village Hall or continue holding them at the Township Hall.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by T. Scott to move the Council meetings back to Village Hall.

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

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to cancel the June 22nd meeting. All ayes.
Motion carried.

12.3 Consumers' Grant

P. Hruska presented literature regarding Consumers Energy Foundation Prosperity Awards being offered

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to municipalities for Neighborhood Revitalization and Arts & Culture projects. The deadline for application is June 18th. After discussion, the Board would like to apply for funding for Morrice Road construction.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by B. Markell to approve P. Hruska submitting a grant application to Consumers Energy Foundation for funding for Morrice Road.

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

Review Financial Statement / Pay Bills

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

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

Announcements / Correspondence: None.

Guest Comments:

H. Dickerson explained that during the closing for the vacant lots he met the family who made the purchase. They are excited to be part of the Village.

P. Hruska reported that a contractor let him know that he has stopped using the Transfer Station due to the cost of a load and having to take all the scrap metal out before dumping the load. T. Scott will check with the Transfer Station operator.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by R. Peterson to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Harold Dickerson, Village President
Karen McGuire, Clerk