

VILLAGE OF MORRICE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, July 13, 2021  
6:00 p.m.  
(Approved 08/10/21)

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Absent: Robert Peterson.

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

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: Add: 11.3 Radar Speed Sign

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

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

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by T. Scott to approve the June 08, 2021 minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Guests: None.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Chief Balsley presented the monthly Complaints Response Report. Stats are up from last year. He has received another application that he is considering. May have another one coming yet.

##### 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

P. Dickerson gave the May run report. Not much going on right now.

##### 9.7 Homecoming

No Report.

##### 9.8 Budget

B. Swett reported that the Committee met recently, and all the Funds are good. Might have to move some street funds around.

P. Hruska asked if anything had been done about the Transfer Station issue discussed at the last meeting. T. Scott reported that he discussed it with the operator and without a name, date, or receipt number there

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is really nothing to be done at this point. Ted charges according to the prices set by the Council. P. Hruska asked the Board to consider some special pricing and arrangements with contractor customers. Will discuss at next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Consumers Energy Franchise Renewal

The Consumers Energy Franchise for the Village expires in November. Consumers has sent a notice of the expiration date and an Ordinance template. Gormley reviewed the template and said it looks good. Once the Ordinance is published a copy will be sent to Consumers.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by T. Scott to approve the Consumers Energy Franchise Renewal as presented.

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

11.2 July 27th Meeting

Nothing pressing for the next meeting.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to cancel the July 27th meeting. All ayes.  
Motion carried.

11.3 Radar Speed Sign

Chief Balsley explained that to make people more aware of their speed he would like to purchase a portable radar sign. He presented some information on a few different options. The signs are rechargeable battery operated – the batteries last 6 – 7 days. The “All Traffic Solutions” option is the one most recommended by other Police Chiefs. The “Radarsign” choice is more basic and less expensive. The cost for the sign will come out of the Police budget. The DDA may pay a portion of the cost if it is used in the DDA district. Chief Balsley will attend the DDA meeting on July 28th to discuss and share information. P. Hruska mentioned needing to keep track of the percentage of time the sign is used in the DDA district. He also said to keep in mind that the Charger will need to be replaced soon and if another full timer is hired it will need to be done sooner than later.

Review Financial Statement / Pay Bills

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

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

Announcements / Correspondence: None.

Guest Comments: Andy Flynn was present and willing to consider filling the vacant Council seat previously held by Cathy Mulholland.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to amend the agenda to add: 11.4 Appointment to Council Board. All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to appoint Andy Flynn to the Council Board to fill the vacant seat previously held by Cathy Mulholland.

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

P. Hruska asked about lagoon liner repair. Clerk will check with the operator.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Clerk swore Andy Flynn into office following the meeting.

Harold Dickerson, Village President  
Karen McGuire, Clerk