

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 09/28/21)

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, Belinda Markell, Andy Flynn, Todd Scott, and Robert Peterson.

Absent: Philip Hruska.

Also Present: Attorney: John Gormley, Treasurer: Brian Swett, and Clerk: Karen McGuire.

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: Add: 11.3 Park

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

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

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by R. Peterson to approve the July 13, 2021, minutes as presented.
All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Guests: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Personnel / Police / Transfer Station / Insurance / Retirement

H. Dickerson read a letter from Chief Balsley regarding a county sting operation that he recently participated in.

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 SESA

P. Dickerson gave the June run report. Not much going on.

9.7 Homecoming

No Report.

9.8 Budget

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Radar Speed Sign

Chief Balsley included information in the packets regarding the radar speed sign purchase. He gave a price quote and locations for expected placement of the sign – both in and out of the DDA District.

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He attended the DDA meeting, and they are willing to contribute 25% of the sign cost plus \$200.00 for four brackets to be used in the DDA District for a total contribution of \$1,013.75. Remaining cost to the Village will be \$2,591.25. H. Dickerson asked B. Swett if there is money in the budget for the purchase. He replied that there are funds, and the purchase will come out of the Police budget. Gormley commented that the DDA will need to amend their plan to spend the money.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Sewer Charge for Demolished Buildings

Clerk asked for clarification regarding demolished buildings that have more than one REU. Every property is billed for at least one REU as a ready to serve charge. Some buildings are assigned more than one REUs depending on size and use. Clerk asked when a building is demolished what happens to the REUs? It was discussed that the assigned REUs remain with the property unless the owner requests to surrender them. If they are surrendered, they may need to be repurchased, at the current cost, in the future depending on what happens to the property. The clerk will create a form to keep on file. Will bring it back to Council for approval.

11.2 August 24th Meeting

Nothing pressing for the next meeting.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Dickerson to cancel the August 24th meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

11.3 Park

R. Peterson mentioned that the Village needs to get going on the parking at the park. There is no formal plan at this time, and it was questioned as to who will oversee the project and who will do the work. Gormley said that the Village needs to make sure that the parking conforms to the Village Zoning Ordinance. B. Markell wants to get started collecting donations for the Easter activities.

Review Financial Statement / Pay Bills

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

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

Announcements / Correspondence:

H. Dickerson relayed that the lagoon operator said the pump on the small sprayer is not working properly and will need to be replaced soon. The cost to replace the pump on the other sprayer was \$11,250.00.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by R. Peterson to pay to replace the pump on the small sprayer.

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

The bank closure was discussed as well as what the Transfer Station will do for change going forward.

Guest Comments: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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Harold Dickerson, Village President
Karen McGuire, Clerk