

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 10/12/21)

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, Robert Peterson, and Philip Hruska.

Absent: Andy Flynn.

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

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: Add: 11.4 Parade Permit and Temporary Road Closure

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 August 10, 2021, minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Guests: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Personnel / Police / Transfer Station / Insurance / Retirement

No Report.

9.2 DPW / Municipal Buildings / Park

B. Markell reported that she has begun collecting prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt and wondered if something could be put on the sign in front of Village Hall so that the Hall could be a drop off site.

B. Markell also suggested putting off work on the park driveway until the activities get people interested in the park again.

9.3 Streets / Sidewalks / Newsletter / Web Site

No Report.

9.4 Sewer / Codes

No Report. P. Hruska asked about the cost for the new rig pump versus the cost to replace the rig entirely. H. Dickerson will talk to Steve Hughes, lagoon operator, to see if he can get prices.

9.5 Zoning / Ordinances / Annex / 425 / DDA

No Report.

9.6 SSES

P. Dickerson reported not much going on right now. SSES is working on defining job descriptions.

9.7 Homecoming

No Report. The Festival has been canceled for this year.

9.8 Budget

No Report. B. Swett commented that the Committee needs to set a meeting for some time in October.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Radar Speed Sign

Chief Balsley reported that the DDA cannot contribute to the cost of the sign until after they amend their plan, which is a lengthy process. He asked that the Village pay the full cost of the sign, approximately \$3,600.00, now with the possibility of the DDA being able to contribute at a later date.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by B. Markell to approve the purchase.

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

10.2 Surrender Sewer Tap Form

At the last meeting it was suggested that the Village create a form to keep on file for any sewer tap surrenders. Clerk created one, had the attorney review it, and now presented it for Council review.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to approve the Sewer Tap Surrender form as presented.

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

10.3 Banking

Since Huntington Bank has purchased TCF and plans to close the local branch, at present, the Village plans to stay with Huntington but will have to use the Owosso branch. The Treasurer will take transactions to Owosso. Will check with MML regarding liability. Another possibility is having the Police Chief take the transactions. Still working on what to do for the Transfer Station.

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Sewer Late Fees

H. Dickerson explained that due to the recent office closure there was no one here to accept sewer and trash payments before the late fee date. He suggested the late fees be waived for this quarter. There was discussion. J. Gormley drafted a Resolution for Waiver of Third Quarter 2021 Sewer Late Fees and read it to Council.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by T. Scott to approve the Resolution as presented.

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

11.2 Site Plan Review – 307 N. Main – Smith

H. Dickerson reported that AGS has reviewed the Site Plan for an addition to the existing building at 307 N. Main Street. The Planning Commission has also reviewed the plan and recommends that the Council approve the plan as presented with no changes necessary. The building permit cannot be issued until the Site Plan is approved.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by R. Peterson to approve the Site Plan as presented.

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

11.3 Zoning Ordinance

H. Dickerson commented that the Zoning Ordinance is still in need of revision. There was discussion about how to go about making the necessary revisions and the possible costs. H. Dickerson asked Board members to look for ideas and bring them back to Council for consideration.

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11.4 Parade Permit and Temporary Road Closure

Chief Balsley explained that he just received the parade permit application for the school's homecoming parade. The parade will be on October 8th starting at 5:00 p.m. It will be on Main Street from South Street to Mason Street. The temporary road closure will be Main Street from South to Mason Streets from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by T. Scott to approve the Parade Permit and Temporary Road Closure as presented. All ayes. 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: P. Dickerson, T. Scott, B. Markell, R. Peterson, P. Hruska, H. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: A. Flynn. Motion carried.

Announcements / Correspondence:

T. Scott thanked Chief Balsley for slowing down the traffic at the corner of Morrice and Britton Roads.

Guest Comments: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Harold Dickerson, Village President
Karen McGuire, Clerk