

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, January 25, 2022
6:00 p.m.
(Approved 02/08/22)

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Harold Dickerson.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Absent: Andy Flynn.

Also Present: Police Chief: Matt Balsley, Treasurer: Brian Swett, DPW: Andrew Wiseley, and Clerk: Karen McGuire.

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: Add: 11.3 Set Public Hearing
11.4 Morrice Road Project
11.5 Sidewalk Project

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 P. Hruska, seconded by R. Peterson to approve the January 11, 2022, 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
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 December run report. She also explained that a new Chairman has been elected and that talks are beginning with the union reps.

9.7 Homecoming
No Report. There will be a Committee meeting on February 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

9.8 Budget
No Report. The next Committee meeting will be Thursday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Mailers

R. Peterson reported that he has gotten more ads for the mailers and will be going to a Haslett printing shop for prices.

10.2 Morrice Meadows Expansion

Wolverine Engineers have advised that Morrice Meadows may have an issue with the proposed expansion due to the available groundwater in this area. They suggested that Morrice Meadows' developers should pursue the water supply matter with EGLE before any further action is taken regarding the expansion. Gormley advised, via email, that Clerk could forward the engineer's recommendation to Morrice Meadows and wait for their response.

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Granger Contract

A Committee met with the Granger representative last week to negotiate the new contract. The draft in the packets is correct except for two changes that still need to be made. On page 3 the senior rate is supposed to include one additional bag outside of the container. On page 6 it says that rates are based on 100% participation, but the Village still makes Granger trash collection optional for residents. C. Johnson said, via telephone, that the indemnity clause must be removed as municipalities cannot indemnify a contractor. Rates are going up quite a bit, but Granger is still less costly than some other carriers in the area. The Village rate is about half of what an individual would pay on their own. Granger will send out a letter explaining the rate changes and the new cart requirements. The Village will continue to collect a small amount over what Granger is billing to help cover costs of billing and collecting payments. If the rates were set by Resolution the Resolution will need amended. If diesel fuel cost increases to over \$4.00 per gallon Granger will pass the cost on to the Village. The roll off rates at the Transfer Station will increase so that we will see about a \$5,000.00 increase in costs in the first year of the contract. Will need to look at raising the rates at the Transfer Station to compensate for the increase. Will also need to get new price signs. Curbside collection time will change from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Committee is recommending the 10-year contract with a ~~4%~~ 4.5 % (correction) increase each year rather than the 5-year contract with a ~~4.5%~~ 5% (correction) increase each year.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to grant the Village President permission to sign the Granger renewal contract once the two changes are made and upon the attorney's approval.

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

11.2 Everstream Fiber

Everstream Fiber has presented plans to install fiber optic cable in the right-of-way in the Village. Clerk was unsure of process for permitting the plan so came to the Board for direction. The plans were sent to AGS, who referred them back to the DPW. The DPW has responded to several Miss Digs regarding the plan but does not have the authority to OK the plan. Plans were also sent to the attorney with no response. Clerk will send the plans to the engineer. The attorney and the engineer will confer and advise how to move forward. Board would like more information from Everstream.

11.3 Set Public Hearing

Need to set a Public Hearing for the 2022/2023 budget.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by P. Dickerson to set a Public Hearing for February 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of the 2022/2023 Village Budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

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11.4 Morrice Road Project

P. Hruska reported that the Road Committee met and recommend replacing the southern portion of Morrice Road – from South Street/Britton Road to the southern Village limits. The estimated cost is \$110,000.00. The funding will come from several sources – the DDA, Municipal Street and Major Street Funds, ARPA Funds, the Rural Task Force/MDOT refund, and adding to and refinancing the Sewer Fund loan. The Resolution for the Sewer Fund loan will be amended from an eight-year loan to a five-year loan and the interest rate will change from 1.5% to .5%.

MOTION by P. Dickerson, second by R. Peterson to put this road project out for bids.

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

P. Hruska will contact engineer D. Heck at Wolverine.

11.5 Sidewalk Project

P. Hruska explained that the Road Committee also discussed sidewalk projects. None were done last year but the Village needs to stay on track to remain in Act 51 compliance. There is one applicant left from prior submissions who wants to have their entire walk redone. The sidewalk is on Second Street from Main Street to the alley. It is a 135' x 4' section. It will be a Local Street project. The Committee would like to put it out for bid. There was discussion about ADA requirements and 4' vs. 5' widths. Clerk will check with Act 51/MDOT contact for clarification. P. Hruska will get bid language to Clerk for publication.

MOTION by T. Scott, seconded by P. Dickerson to put an ad in the newspaper for bids.

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

Announcements / Correspondence: None.

Guest Comments: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Harold Dickerson, Village President
Karen McGuire, Clerk