

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, March 08, 2022

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 04/12/22)

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, Andy Flynn, Robert Peterson, and Todd Scott.

Absent: Philip Hruska, Belinda Markell.

Also Present: Attorney: John Gormley, Police Chief: Matt Balsley, Treasurer: Brian Swett, DPW: Hayden Bradberry, Andrew Wiseley, and Clerk: Karen McGuire.

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: Add: 11.4 March 22nd Meeting
11.5 Sgt. Hruska's Job

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 R. Peterson, seconded by P. Dickerson to approve the February 22, 2022, minutes, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Guests: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Personnel / Police / Transfer Station / Insurance / Retirement

Chief Balsley presented the February Complaints Report. Waiting on updated delivery date for the new vehicle.

T. Scott asked for input regarding a sign vs. a banner for the Transfer Station. The location for the signage was also discussed. He will check on prices and bring information to the next meeting.

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 January run report. Members are still meeting with the union representatives.

9.7 Homecoming

The next meeting will be March 24th at 7:00 p.m. here at Village Hall.

9.8 Budget

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Resolution – New Ten-Year Trash Rates

J. Gormley presented a Resolution with the new trash collection rates for years one – ten of the new ten-year contract with Granger.

MOTION by P. Dickerson, seconded by T. Scott to approve the Resolution setting new trash rates for years one through ten, as presented.

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

10.2 Jewel Estates – Storm Drain

The DPW pumped some of the standing water and some of it drained on its own. Waiting for remaining bids on the work. No word from the property owner.

10.3 Grant – Solar Panels

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NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Treasurer Position

H. Dickerson reported that the newly hired treasurer, J. Smith, has submitted a letter of resignation effective 02/18/22.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Dickerson to advertise the position again.

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

MOTION by P. Dickerson, seconded by A. Flynn to accept Jaymie Smith's resignation effective 02/18/22. All ayes. Motion carried.

11.2 Employee Wages

Employee wage increases were included in the 2022 – 2023 approved budget but not voted on at the last meeting. The Budget Committee recommends: P. Dickerson's wages for cleaning the hall go from \$25.00/month to \$40.00/ month, the Treasurer's wages go from \$390.00/month to \$400.00/month, and all other employees have an hourly wage increase of 4% as listed on the presented spreadsheet.

MOTION by R. Peterson, seconded by P. Dickerson to approve the 2022- 2023 wage increases as presented, retroactive to 03/01/22.

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

11.3 H.S.A. Employer Contributions

Contributions to employees' H.S.A. accounts were included in the 2022 – 2023 approved budget but not voted on at the last meeting. The Budget Committee recommends \$125.00 per quarter for each of the four eligible full-time employees.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by T. Scott to approve the 2022 – 2023 H.S.A. Employer Contributions as recommended.

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

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11.4 March 22nd Meeting

H. Dickerson suggested canceling the next regular meeting as there is nothing pressing to consider.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by R. Peterson to cancel the March 22, 2022, Council meeting.
All ayes. Motion carried.

11.5 Sgt. Hruska's Job

Chief Balsley reported that Sgt. Hruska has turned in a letter of resignation with March 18th being his last scheduled day. He is taking a job with the County Sheriff.

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by H. Dickerson to accept Philip Hruska's resignation effective 03/18/22.

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

Review Financial Statements / Pay Bills

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

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

Announcements / Correspondence: None.

Guest Comments: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Harold Dickerson, Village President
Karen McGuire, Clerk