

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 05/10/22)

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, Belinda Markell, Robert Peterson, and Todd Scott.

Absent: Andy Flynn, Philip Hruska.

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

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: Add: 11.1 Grants

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 P. Dickerson to approve the April 12, 2022, minutes, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Guests: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Personnel / Police / Transfer Station / Insurance / Retirement

Chief Balsley reported that he still has no news on the car delivery or a new employee.

9.2 DPW / Municipal Buildings / Park

H. Dickerson explained that there was a water leak at the park building sometime after the Easter Egg Hunt and the building was flooded. On May 3rd Perry Plumbing is coming to inspect and repair all the plumbing in the building.

He also reported that the Village received a \$2,800 refund from MML as part of the MCCA Surplus Distribution of \$400 per insured vehicle.

T. Scott thanked the DPW for repairing the step at the Transfer Station. They are still working on railing for the step.

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

No Report.

9.7 Homecoming

B. Markell explained that The Morrice Bar is planning a corn hole tournament and live music during the Festival with some of the proceeds going to the Festival. She is still working on getting two shifts of food

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trucks to participate in the Festival. The basketball 3-on-3 is a no go. There will be about 40 participants in the parade. The Fund balance is about \$8,600 with more hopefully coming in. T. Scott said he will get a group together for clean-up.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Dickerson to send out sponsor request letters again.

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

9.8 Budget
No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Grant – Solar Panels

R. Peterson is meeting with Justin Horvath on Thursday for more information.

10.2 Homecoming Festival Decision

There was discussion and it was decided that there will be enough donations to go forward with the Festival. Cost of fireworks must be secured before any other spending.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Dickerson to go forward with the Homecoming Festival and Fireworks.

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

10.3 Second Street Sidewalk Bids

There were three bids received and the Committee was waiting for further information from the bidders. R. Peterson has received the information and recommended going with the lowest bidder. The revised bids were \$4,300 Tyler Bennett, \$6,100 Hower Excavating, and \$5,725 Capstone Concrete. All three are insured. There was discussion regarding cost, experience, and the timeframe for completion. It was decided that the work must be completed before the Homecoming on June 25th.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Dickerson to go with Hower Excavating if they can complete the work by June 25th, if not, the job will be offered to Bennett under the same condition.

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

10.4 Treasurer's Position

B. Swett explained that he and the Personnel Committee interviewed two applicants for the treasurer's position. They were impressed with L. Hudecek who currently works in office administration. She is available for the hours requested. It was recommended that we wait until after her 90-day evaluation before she is added as a signer and given banking access.

MOTION by R. Peterson, seconded by H. Dickerson to hire Linda Hudecek as part-time treasurer at a salary of \$400 per month and wait until after her 90-day evaluation before she is added as a signer and given banking access.

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

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NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Grants

R. Peterson is taking a USDA webinar for rural communities to be able to represent the Village in reviewing available grants. After he completes the webinar, he will need a notarized letter from the Council authorizing him to represent the Village. Any grant he finds he will bring to Council for evaluation, they in turn will decide whether or not to forward to the engineers for evaluation and possible submission.

Announcements / Correspondence: None.

Guest Comments: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Harold Dickerson, Village President
Karen McGuire, Clerk