

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 06/14/22)

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, Philip Hruska, Robert Peterson, Belinda Markell, and Todd Scott.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Attorney: John Gormley, Police Chief: Matt Balsley, DPW: Andrew Wiseley, Treasurers: Brian Swett, Linda Hudecek, and Clerk: Karen McGuire.

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: None.

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by P. Dickerson to approve the April 26, 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 April Complaints Report. He still has not received any applications. He is thinking that he may need to change the position to part-time with an increase in wages to try to entice applicants.

President Dickerson introduced the new treasurer trainee, Linda Hudecek.

9.2 DPW / Municipal Buildings / Park

A. Wiseley reported that there was a meeting currently being held at 301 Sapphire with the homeowner and the original builder regarding the standing water issue.

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 March run report.

9.7 Homecoming

The next meeting will be May 12th at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

9.8 Budget

B. Swett reported that the Committee recently held a meeting and discussed road funding.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Grant – Solar Panels

R. Peterson explained that a couple of companies will look at the lagoon property and present their findings and proposals at a Council meeting.

10.2 Ever Stream Fiber – Approved Bond and Set Up Escrow Account

The bond and escrow account were discussed. Clerk will contact engineers about the amount of escrow to require. The bond will be amended to include restoring storm and sanitary sewer lines as well as the roads. And the date will be extended to 06/01/23.

MOTION by R. Peterson, seconded by H. Dickerson to approve the Highway Use Bond submitted by Ever Stream provided it includes the above-mentioned amendments.

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

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Appoint DDA Members

The DDA submitted a request to reappoint Lyn Smith, Jeff Harris, and Elizabeth Andrus to four-year terms. There was discussion about the actual terms of individual DDA members and the correct rotation of terms. Clerk will send a list of members to the attorney who will assign terms to be confirmed at the next Council meeting.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by T. Scott to approve appointing Lyn Smith, Jeff Harris, and Elizabeth Andrus to four-year DDA terms. All ayes. Motion carried.

11.2 Road Grant

P. Hruska asked for approval to have Wolverine Engineers write a Category B grant application for the Village. The grant would be for the remainder of Morrice Road from South Street to Mason Street, Third, Davis, First, and Second Streets from Morrice to Main, the alley between Second and Third Streets behind the restaurant, and some spots on Second Street near Main. The cost will be approximately \$380,000 plus engineering costs. Funding will come from the Grant, the DDA, and various other Village Funds.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Hruska to approve Wolverine Engineering writing a Category B grant for the Village. All ayes. Motion carried.

11.3 Purchase Pipe Locator – DPW

The DPW need to replace their very old and unusable pipe locator. They use the locator for sewer work and Miss Digs. They are requesting purchase of a Schonstedt Rex LITE Dual-Frequency Pipe & Cable Locator, 82 Khz from USABlueBook for \$2,340.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by P. Dickerson to spend up to \$2,500 for the locator, paid out of the Sewer Fund.

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

11.4 Fireworks Permit

Wolverine Fireworks Display needs to have a fireworks display permit approved by Council so that they can transport fireworks for the Festival.

MOTION by T. Scott, seconded by R. Peterson to approve the fireworks permit for Wolverine Fireworks Display, as requested.

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Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

11.5 May 24th Meeting

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

Review Financial Statements / Pay Bills

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to pay the bills, as presented. (List Attached.)

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

Announcements / Correspondence: None.

Guest Comments: Two representatives from the Morrice Senior High School Class requested Council allow 25 – 30 members of the class to camp overnight in the Park on Thursday, May 12th. There was discussion about rules and regulations. There is normally no overnight camping at the Park. It was decided that Council will make a one-time modification to the Park hours. The students will be allowed to set up at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday and must be packed out by 9:00 a.m. Friday morning. Someone over 18 years of age must sign the application. No fires, smoking, drugs, or alcohol allowed in the Park. There will be a \$300 deposit collected. The DPW will turn on the power and water to the pavilion. The inside restroom will not be opened but there is a port-a-potty on site that they can use. Music and noise will be done at midnight, and no one will be allowed to come or go after that. There will be a minimum of two parent chaperones overnight. No outside parties may attend. Chief Balsley will monitor the event.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Dickerson to allow the overnight camping event with the stipulations listed above.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Harold Dickerson, Village President
Karen McGuire, Clerk