

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 07/12/22)

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, Belinda Markell, Todd Scott, Robert Peterson, and Andy Flynn.

Absent: Philip Hruska.

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

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: Add: 11.4 Parade Permit / 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 R. Peterson, seconded by P. Dickerson to approve the May 10, 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 April run report and updated the Council on current SSES matters.

9.7 Homecoming

B. Markell updated the Council on the Homecoming Festival progress. They are short on volunteers and funds for the kids' games. There are 12 game stations so will need that many volunteers. They have a petting zoo scheduled. Still needs money for prizes for the Cornhole Contest. So far not many entries. There will be food trucks with pizza, hot dogs, elephant ears, and shaved ice at the Elementary School parking lot. The Junk in the Trunk vendors will be at St. Mary's Faith Formation Center parking lot. T. Scott has a few volunteers for cleanup on Sunday. The lack of volunteers for the entire Festival may mean this is the last year for the Homecoming Festival.

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9.8 Budget
No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Grant – Solar Panels
No Report.

10.2 Mailers

Clerk explained the costs for the printing and postage for the February and May mailers was more than expected. The DDA has paid all they have approved. Council needs to approve \$1,027.20 more to cover the costs. If mailers are used again the costs need to be explained more clearly before the printing takes place.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by B. Markell to approve spending an additional \$1,027.20 for the printing and postage costs for the mailers.

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

10.3 Resolution – Category B Grant Application

A Resolution allowing the Village to apply for the MDOT Category B Grant needs to be included in the Grant application packet. The packet is due tomorrow. The Village is applying for funding to restore parts of First, Second, Third, and Davis Streets and part of Morrice Road. Total cost of the project will be \$375,482.00. The Village will be responsible for 50% of cost.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by A. Flynn to approve the Grant Resolution as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Lagoon Sprayer

H. Dickerson explained that there was a chance to sell the small sprayer for \$4,000 if it could be loaded up as Valley was dismantling it to install the new one. He thought it would be OK and is asking for Council's approval.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by B. Markell to approve selling the small used lagoon sprayer for \$4,000.

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

11.2 131 Main Street

Since the property owner passed away this property has fallen into disrepair. It is unsafe and unsightly. Several neighbors have complained. There is no known party that is currently responsible for the property. J. Gormley has checked into the title and found there are mortgages and liens against the property. There are also two abandoned vehicles at the property. He will need to open a probate hearing to begin the process of being able to bring the property into compliance with the Village Zoning Ordinance.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by B. Markell to allow J. Gormley to get the process started.

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

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11.3 June 28th Meeting

MOTION by H. Dickerson, second by P. Dickerson to cancel the June 28th Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

11.4 Parade Permit / Road Closure

Chief Balsley explained that the Homecoming parade will be on Saturday, June 25th from 5 to 6 p.m. The route will be down Main Street from South Street to Mason Street. Road closure will be the same.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Dickerson to approve the parade permit and road closure as presented.

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

Review Financial Statements / Pay Bills

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

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

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 6:35 p.m.

Harold Dickerson, Village President
Karen McGuire, Clerk