

VILLAGE OF MORRICE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 11/09/22)

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: Belinda Markell, Philip Hruska.

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

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: Add: 11.3 Truck Bid  
11.4 Speed Radar Sign

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by A. Flynn to approve the agenda, as amended. All ayes.  
Motion carried.

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by T. Scott to approve the September 13, 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 the new vehicle has been delivered. The new decals are scheduled to be put on October 24th. It is still about 1½ months out for the equipment installation.

##### 9.2 DPW / Municipal Buildings / Park

H. Bradberry explained that the cement pad at the Transfer Station has been sealed. They have someone scheduled to come out to inspect the compactor to see why it is having issues.

##### 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 reported that the SSES millage request passed at the August 2nd Primary Election. Engine #1 is still being worked on. The new office assistant will begin working soon. D. Munro thanked Vernon Township for giving \$24,000 from their ARPA funds to SSES.

##### 9.7 Homecoming

No Report.

##### 9.8 Budget

No Report. L. Hudecek apologized for the state of the financial reports. This was her first attempt at providing them on her own and she had trouble with QuickBooks.

She suggested a new computer and off-sight back-ups. Chief Balsley and Clerk will check into computer issues.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 10.1 131 Main Street

Nothing new to report. J. Gormley and his new associate C. Parks, will be taking pictures tonight to submit as part of litigation. Shiawassee County Land Bank is seeking local projects for a \$200,000 blight elimination grant program. May be able to submit this property for possible help with demolition costs. Chief Balsley reiterated that to start the process of removing the abandoned vehicles on the property a written complaint needs to be received.

### 10.2 Auditor Recommendation – Moving Funds

The auditor did not see any issues with investing excess funds in the Huntington liquidity portal. A representative from Huntington will meet with the Budget Committee for more information. L. Hudecek will try to get a committee meeting set up. The auditor did suggest putting excess funds in another FDIC insured bank rather than a credit union which is not backed by FDIC.

### 10.3 Perry Police Merge

T. Scott reported that the Village Committee and Perry had a meeting. They discussed a lot and there is still much more to be decided. They talked about housing the Village cars and equipment here, a separate authority to oversee the merged departments, and the union. On October 27th they will meet with Swartz Creek and Mundy Township, who have recently merged, to discuss how that process worked for them and what the results are. The Committee will be looking at savings, coverage, and overall feasibility for both departments.

### 10.4 Audit – Corrective Action Plan

A copy of the letter sent to the State Department of Treasury was included in the packets. It explains that the wrong budget schedules were used, and this will be avoided going forward. It also requested a 30-day extension for compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts. Gabridge will need the extension to complete the change. Once the Chart of Accounts is complete Clerk will submit that to the Treasury Department too. No other action is required.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 11.1 Halloween Hours

Chief Balsley asked to set the Halloween hours for this year at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31st.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by P. Dickerson to approve the Halloween hours for this year as 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31st. All ayes. Motion carried.

There was discussion about the Halloween celebration at the fire hall. There are no volunteers for this year.

### 11.2 October 25th Meeting

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by T. Scott to cancel the October 25th meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

### 11.3 Truck Bid

H. Dickerson reported that a bid for the old orange truck was turned in today. The bid is \$1,000 from D. Cross.

MOTION by H. Dickerson, seconded by R. Peterson to accept the \$1,000 bid as presented for the orange Ford Village truck.

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

11.8 Speed Radar Sign

Chief Balsley explained that the radar sign seems to be working well to slow drivers down in the Village. He would like the Board to consider purchasing a second one. A solar powered sign, very similar to the first one, would cost \$3,840 plus a post for it to go on. He would like to set it permanently on Britton Road where the speed limit goes from 55 mph to 25 mph. T. Scott asked for some literature about it.

Review Financial Statements / Pay Bills

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

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

Announcements / Correspondence

J. Gormley explained that the DDA president has asked if it is possible for the DDA to purchase the bank building for re-developing. It is possible but there are a lot of steps to the process. They will need a motion to purchase, they will need to amend the DDA plan which will require a public hearing, and they will need to amend their budget. They can purchase outright if they have the funds. If they do not have the funds, they can enter into a land contract for the purchase.

Guest Comments:

A. Flynn asked if the email from MDOT in the Council packet means that the Village did not get the grant for the remainder of Morrice Road. His assumption is correct. Applications requesting over \$19 million in grant funding for 2023 were received while only \$3 million is appropriated annually for projects in the Category B program.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Harold Dickerson, Village President  
Karen McGuire, Clerk