

VILLAGE OF MORRICE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 01/10/23)

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Todd Scott.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Members Present: Todd Scott, Phyllis Dickerson, Andy Flynn, Philip Hruska, and Robert Peterson.

Absent: Bridgett Flynn.

Also Present: Attorneys: John Gormley and Chris Parks, Police Chief: Matt Balsley, DPW: Hayden Bradberry, Treasurer: Linda Hudecek, and Clerk: Karen McGuire.

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: None

Guest Comments on the Agenda: R. Peterson announced that the bank building has been sold. No other information is available at this time.

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by P. Hruska to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by P. Hruska to approve the November 8, 2022, minutes, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by P. Hruska to approve the November 29, 2022, Special Meeting minutes, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried

Special Guests: None.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 9.1 Personnel / Police / Transfer Station / Insurance / Retirement

Chief Balsley passed out the monthly complaints report. He reported that the new vehicle is here and operational. There are a few adjustments that need to be made.

##### 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 reported that SSES has been in breach of their contract with Durand by not having enough staff on duty. Durand will be holding back \$10,000 of their payment. SSES plans to raise the cost of the ambulance service. Municipalities are going to receive a letter of explanation. Stations 1 and 2 may be combining. They are looking for property to build on somewhere between Perry and Morrice.

##### 9.7 Homecoming

No Report.

9.8 Budget

The Budget Committee had to cancel their scheduled meeting so need to set up another date. L. Hudecek reported that the Liquidity Portal is almost ready to go.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 131 Main Street

J. Gormley reported that they have found another heir, a daughter. There is a hearing tomorrow but still need to get the daughter's information to the court. Neither of the heirs want anything to do with the property. If a waiver is received from the daughter before tomorrow's court date the process could move forward. The public administrator does not want to administer this estate because there is no money involved. The attorneys feel that there needs to be an administrator because once the estate is open the Village plans to sue the estate to tear down the house.

10.2 Perry Police Merge

T. Scott reported that the Village Committee and Perry have been meeting monthly and have had some great discussions. Neither Department has enough personnel to move forward. They are pausing the discussions until the fall and will re-evaluate then.

10.3 Appoint Park Committee

T. Scott will get with D. Munro regarding a Committee. The Budget Committee needs a wish list for the park, with costs of proposed projects included, for the next budget.

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Appoint President Pro-Tem

MOTION by T. Scott, seconded by A. Flynn to appoint P. Dickerson to the Pro-Tem position.

Roll Call: Ayes: R. Peterson, A. Flynn, P. Hruska, T. Scott, P. Dickerson. Nays: None.

Absent: B. Flynn. Motion carried.

11.2 Annual Sewer Rate Adjustment

The Budget Committee recommends increasing the rate by 4.5% for next year, starting with the next quarterly billing.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by R. Peterson to increase the sewer rates by 4.5% starting with the next quarterly billing.

Roll Call: Ayes: P. Dickerson, P. Hruska, A. Flynn, R. Peterson, T. Scott. Nays: None.

Absent: B. Flynn. Motion carried.

11.3 Old Police Car – Dodge

Chief Balsley reported that the old cruiser is ready to be put up for sale. The equipment has all been removed and it is in pretty good shape. There are just under 97,000 miles on it. He checked resale prices, and they are between \$6,380 and \$6,700. He suggested asking \$6,000 or best offer. It would be posted on the Village's website and the Facebook page. It will be parked at the Transfer Station with a For Sale sign in it. There was discussion.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to post the vehicle for sale for \$6,500 or best offer. The President can decide on what is the best offer up to a \$1,000 difference from asking price.

Roll Call: Ayes: R. Peterson, A. Flynn, P. Hruska, P. Dickerson, T. Scott. Nays: None.

Absent: B. Flynn. Motion carried.

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11.4 Employee Bonuses

The Budget Committee recommended bonuses the same as last year along with the inclusion of L. Hudecek, the new treasurer, who will receive the same as the past treasurer, B. Swett. A list of employees and proposed bonuses was presented. The bonuses total \$1,500 altogether.

MOTION by R. Peterson, seconded P. Dickerson to approve the employee bonuses as listed.

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

11.5 Park Grant

TABLED.

Review Financial Statements / Pay Bills

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

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

Announcements / Correspondence

T. Scott thanked employees, trustees, and attorneys for jobs well done.

Guest Comments:

Mary Ann Dutcher addressed the Board to complain about a noisy neighbor. The person is working inside their garage and while making noise are not violating any ordinances. Chief Balsley can talk to him about the noise but there is nothing to enforce at this time.

MOTION by T. Scott, seconded by P. Hruska to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Todd Scott, Village President  
Karen McGuire, Clerk