

VILLAGE OF MORRICE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 01/24/23)

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, Philip Hruska, Andy Flynn, Robert Peterson, and Bridgett Flynn.

Absent: None.

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

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: Add: 11.1 January 24th Meeting

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

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

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by P. Hruska to approve the December 13, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes, and the December 19, 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 reported that the Dodge is parked at the Transfer Station with a For Sale sign in the window. One of the Perry Police officers is interested in the vehicle so will hold it for a few days. Chief explained that regarding the noise complaint from last month he has gone to the address many times to listen for noise and has heard nothing. He talked to the complainant and has heard nothing since.

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

T. Scott reported that he called on new signs for the Transfer Station to accommodate the new prices. He will have more information for the next meeting. He would like to have the DPW employees train at the Transfer Station to learn the daily operations so that they will be able to fill in for the operator or train a new employee if the need should arise.

##### 9.3 Streets / Sidewalks / Newsletter / Web Site

P. Hruska stated that the Street Committee needs to meet to discuss upcoming street and sidewalk projects. The Committee will meet on Thursday, January 19th at noon.

##### 9.4 Sewer / Codes

No Report.

##### 9.5 Zoning / Ordinances / Annex / 425 / DDA

No Report.

##### 9.6 SSES

P. Dickerson reported the ambulance rates will be increasing to about \$100 per household. Chief Hubbard will be attending Council meeting to present the information to municipalities. Scott Grinnell was appointed Deputy Chief. SSES is working to improve collections and write-offs.

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9.7 Homecoming  
No Report.

9.8 Budget  
The Budget Committee will meet on Saturday, January 14th at 10:00 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 131 Main Street  
J. Gormley reported that the Council needs to decide if they want to go forward with the attorney and personal representative or wait for the tax sale. The estate has no assets, and the heirs are not interested in the property. After the representative is appointed, the Village can tear the buildings down and then let the property go to the tax sale or tear the buildings down and buy the property for the back taxes. The deadline to act is Friday, January 13th or the case will be dismissed. There was much discussion.

MOTION by T. Scott, seconded by R. Peterson to continue with the legal process if the personal representative will set a \$5,000 cap on his costs. This process will give permission to tear down the buildings, but the Village will not own the property at this time.

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

10.2 Appoint Park Committee  
T. Scott has talked with D. Munro regarding a Committee. Waiting to see if he finds some interested people to sit on the Committee. Or he suggested that the Council could serve as the Park Committee.  
TABLED for now.

10.3 Park Grant  
TABLED.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by T. Scott, seconded by P. Hruska to reopen the agenda to add 11.2 Add \$500 to SEDP payment to have access to their grant writer. All ayes. Motion carried.

11.1 January 24th Meeting  
T. Scott suggested that the meeting be held as scheduled due to the budget timeline. No action taken.

11.2 Add \$500 to SEDP Payment

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by R. Peterson to pay \$500 more annually to have access to SEDP's grant writer.

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

Announcements / Correspondence: None.

Guest Comments: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Todd Scott, Village President  
Karen McGuire, Clerk