

VILLAGE OF MORRICE DDA MEETING/MINUTES

OCTOBER 26, 2022

Village of Morrice Hall

1. Informational Report to Public by Beth Andrus

-Explanation of DDA duties, project progress (roads repaired), contributions to seasonal festivities, and trash cans and benches installed in Morrice.

-Meeting closed to public

2. 6:04 p.m. DDA Meeting Called to Order by Beth Andrus.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call:

Present: Lyn Smith, Bob Opsommer, Jeff Harris, Beth Andrus, Bob Peterson, Glenn Gutting

Absent: Bob Dickerson, Dan Munro

5. Approval to Accept Agenda

-Motion to Accept: Jeff Harris/Lyn Smith (seconded)

-All Ayed

6. Approval of Minutes

-Motion to accept: Glenn Gutting/Lyn Smith (seconded), minutes distributed.

-All Ayed

7. Agenda: Old Business:

A) Water Storage Tank behind Fire Department needs attention: Dan, who reported by email, is still checking prices for inspecting the 10,000-gallon steel tank. Questions: 1) is it leaking, 2) could it be a cement tank? A scoping camera is needed to access possible damage and all necessary maintenance.

B) Financial Report on bank balance of \$163,011.53: Monies for next road project: \$15,000 in approved tax income will be appropriated. Expecting \$30,000 from Summer Taxes and \$9,000 from Winter Taxes.

C) South Morrice Road project done as of first week of September: Signs were left up too long after completion and DETOUR instruction signs were confusing. Need to discuss with Capital Sign Co.

D) New member progress: Lyn may have a possible applicant. She will check with someone from Glaser Glass in Morrice. DDA should have 9 members. For a quorum at least 5 members are needed.

8. Agenda: New Business:

A) Bank building update: pictures were passed around to members who had not been through the inspection. The credit worthiness of the building was discussed including all upgrades and repairs that would be needed. All assets were also discussed (data room, 2 bathrooms, floor electrical outlets, kitchen). Huntington bank is asking \$119,000 for 6035 sq. ft. 1,000 sq. ft. is leased by the Post Office. Rooms upstairs may have been built around 1962, but the Morrice Hardware was built in 1983. Checking for help from MEDC unveiled the purchase would not be qualified under the MEDC rules, but other grants will be pursued. However, DDA is not allowed to hold a mortgage. Holding a land contract was discussed. This would have to be considered with all options to purchase.

Justin Horvath was asked to speak on possible purchase options. Many considerations would have to be reviewed before making a final decision. We may investigate using the grant program from the Land Bank to Remediate Blight, which also has many restrictions on who is qualified. We have 30-60 days to submit for the grant. This would be Round 1 of the grant process.

Justin will work to set up a meeting with Huntington Bank to discuss lowering the price. Progress will be discussed with Justin on November 7, 2022.

The house at 131 Main Street was also discussed to add to buildings needing to be demolished along with the house at 120 Main Street. These houses could be added to a grant request.

As a point of information: the SEDP of Owosso now offers a counselor to help with new business start-ups.

B) The Halloween Party

-DDA can advertise so funds are donated. \$600 is needed; the DDA will donate \$200-\$250.

-Motion to approve donation: Glenn Gutting/Bob Peterson (seconded)

-All Ayes

The next meeting was set for January 25, 2023. Budget will be needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.