

VILLAGE OF MORRICE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 02/14/23)

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, and Robert Peterson.

Absent: Philip Hruska, Bridgett Flynn.

Also Present: Attorney: Chris Parks, Police Chief: Matt Balsley, and Clerk: Karen McGuire.

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: None.

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by R. Peterson to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by R. Peterson to approve the January 10, 2023, minutes, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Guests: Tom Emery, Shiawassee County Commissioner representing District 7, addressed the Board to introduce himself and explain which County Committees he has been appointed to since taking office.

#### 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  
The Street Committee will meet on Thursday, February 2nd at noon.

9.4 Sewer / Codes  
No Report.

9.5 Zoning / Ordinances / Annex / 425 / DDA  
The DDA will meet tomorrow, January 25th, at 6:00 p.m.

9.6 SESA  
No Report.

9.7 Homecoming  
There was discussion about the probability of holding the Homecoming Festival this year. There are currently not enough funds to cover the event and there is no Committee for organizing it. The likely date would be June 24th. T. Scott commented that he would like to see at least the parade, the kids' games, and the fireworks. R. Peterson discussed the advertising flyers used last year to promote the Festival and local businesses. There are costs associated with printing and mailing the flyers. There was discussion about if/and/or when the sponsor letters should go out. Nothing was finalized.

9.8 Budget  
The Budget Committee had to cancel their last scheduled meeting so will need to set another one. They are close to finishing work on the upcoming budget but not done yet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 131 Main Street

C. Parks explained that there is a February 15th court date set to open the estate and appoint the personal representative. The process is moving forward. The representative has approved the \$5,000 cap for his costs.

10.2 Appoint Park Committee

TABLED.

10.3 Park Grant

TABLED.

10.4 Transfer Station Signs

There are two bids in the packets. One from Agnew Sign Co. for \$698.00 to replace the two price signs at the Transfer Station. And one from Great Gazebo for \$380.12 to remove the old decals from the two signs and apply new ones.

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by R. Peterson to accept the Great Gazebo bid of \$380.12.

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

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Police Car Computers and Modems

Chief Balsley explained that the police vehicle modems and computers are outdated and need to be replaced. Based on the RESD IT Department recommendations, cost for two new modems and two new computers with docking stations will be \$10,804.32. Installation will be done through Mid-Michigan Emergency Equipment and there will be an additional installation fee. Chief Balsley would like to include this update in this year's budget and is asking for up to \$14,000.00 to cover the cost of the new equipment and the installation.

MOTION by R. Peterson, seconded by P. Dickerson to approved spending up to \$14,000.00 to cover the cost of the new equipment and the installation.

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

11.2 Transfer of Funds – Liquidity Portal

L. Hudecek, treasurer, prepared a list of funds to be transferred to the Huntington Liquidity Portal as recommended by the Budget Committee. She is seeking Council approval before moving the funds. (List Attached.)

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by R. Peterson to approve the transfer of funds to the Huntington Liquidity Portal as listed.

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

11.3 Transfer of Funds – Morrice Road Project

L. Hudecek, treasurer, prepared a list of funds to be transferred to the Major Street Fund, to cover the 2022 road project, as recommended by the Budget Committee. She is seeking Council approval. (List Attached.)

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MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by R. Peterson to approve the transfer of funds to the Major Street Fund as listed.

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

11.4 Perry Township Sewer Rates

T. Scott explained that P. Hruska and T. Parmalee have been working on finding an updated way to share expenses for the lagoon operations. The original agreement is from 1991 and the calculations include the cost of bonds. The sewer bonds have been paid off for a few years so that leaves a zero amount in the calculations. The Township may not be paying their fair share using this calculation method. T. Scott wants to participate in future meetings to discuss this issue.

Announcements / Correspondence: None.

Guest Comments: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Todd Scott, Village President  
Karen McGuire, Clerk