

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 04/11/23)

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Absent: Philip Hruska.

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

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: Add: 11.5 Set Public Hearing for Ambulance Funding

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

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

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by R. Peterson to approve the February 28, 2023 minutes, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Guests:

A. Flynn invited Jerry and Susan Lewis of What Not Over Yonder – the business that just went into the bank building - to introduce themselves and tell a little about the business. They buy liquidations, overstock, and amazon pallets for resale. Some of their business is online and some will be done in the building. They will be open every day from noon until 9 p.m. unless otherwise posted. There may be a grand opening in a couple of weeks.

SSESA representatives Tim DeLau, Guy Hubbard, and Dan Munro presented information regarding SSESA and the proposed ambulance assessment increase. They discussed SSESA's mission and vision statements, their core values, and current services. The assessment history and the projected forecast were explained. There was discussion about projected income and expenses, cost savings methods, and the proposed assessment increase.

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
No Report.

9.4 Sewer / Codes
No Report.

9.5 Zoning / Ordinances / Annex / 425 / DDA
No Report.

9.6 SSESA

P. Dickerson reported that SSESA is going to buy three new computers for the ambulances at a cost of

\$9,264.00. They are also working on better collections for the write-offs.

9.7 Homecoming
No Report.

9.8 Budget
No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 131 Main Street

The representative and the building inspector met at the property. They will be issuing tickets and proposing that the buildings be torn down. The Village will have an opportunity to purchase the property at the tax sale after the demolition. Council will eventually have to decide what to do with the property.

10.2 Park Committee Resolution

J. Gormley presented a Resolution authorizing the Council to sit as the Morrice Park Authority Board.

MOTION by T. Scott, seconded by A. Flynn to approve the Resolution authorizing the Council to sit as the Morrice Park Authority Board, as presented.

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

10.3 Park Grant

TABLE. There are spring and summer application dates for the SPARK Grant but clarification is needed as to those exact dates.

10.4 Perry Township Sewer Rate

TABLE. When the lagoon operator is back in the Village the committee will set a meeting.

10.5 School Traffic

Since no decision has been reached this item will be removed from the agenda going forward.

MOTION by R. Peterson to make Purdy Lane a one-way street. No second. No action. Motion died.

10.6 114 Main Street

It was decided to hold off on any action for this address until the Phelps property project is completed. Will remove this item from the agenda going forward.

10.7 Village Hall Maintenance/ Roof/ Garage Door Frames

T. Scott reiterated that the garage door frames and the roof, on either side of the hose dryer, need repairs.

MOTION by R. Peterson, seconded by P. Dickerson to allow T. Scott to get prices for the repairs. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Resolution Authorizing RAISE Grant Application

The Board approved sending the application at the February 14th meeting but did not have the Resolution available at that time. The application has been sent.

MOTION by A. Flynn, second by R. Peterson to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the RAISE Grant Application.

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

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11.2 Resolution Authorizing 2023 Road Projects

The Board approved the 2023 Road Projects at the February 14th meeting but did not have the Resolution available at that time.

MOTION by A. Flynn, second by R. Peterson to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the 2023 Road Projects, as presented.

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

11.3 Petition for Land Division – Morrice United Methodist Church

The Church would like to separate the parsonage and the Church properties to be able to sell the parsonage. J. Gormley reviewed the application and explained that there will need to be a map from a surveyor included. The map will include all the setbacks, what the divisions will look like, and the legal descriptions. Clerk will contact the Church.

11.4 March 28th Meeting

MOTION by T. Scott, seconded by P. Dickerson to cancel the March 28th meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

11.5 Set Public Hearing for Ambulance Assessment

The proposed ambulance assessment increase will require a Public Hearing as it is over a 10% increase.

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by P. Dickerson to set a Public Hearing for April 11 during the Regular Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review Financial Statements / Pay Bills

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by R. Peterson to approve payment of the bills as presented (List attached).

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

Announcements / Correspondence: J. Gormley introduced his new associate, Clint.

T. Scott announced that he submitted an application for Community Public Funding for \$450,000 for streets on the east side of the Village. The notice came from Elissa Slotkin's office and there was very little notice to get the information submitted. He contacted P. Hruska and D. Heck for information.

R. Peterson explained there is a committee working on the Safe Routes to School Grant also. The Village schools could be eligible for up to \$900,000.

Guest Comments: Dan Munro asked about the Easter Egg hunt. Easter is April 9th this year so this is very short notice to get anything planned. He suggested toning it down a bit this year and having just candy and eggs. Munro wondered about using the school fields this year rather than the Park. They could use the cement area by the bleachers and there is plenty of parking. B. Flynn will check with the school and get back to T. Scott. T. Scott will put out some feelers and see about volunteers and donations. J. Gormley will donate toward the event. Council decided on April 1st as the event date.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Todd Scott, Village President
Karen McGuire, Clerk