

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 08/08/23)

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

Absent: None.

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

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: None.

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

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

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to approve the July 11, 2023, minutes, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Guests: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Personnel / Police / Transfer Station / Insurance / Retirement
Chief Balsley reported that school starts on August 24th this year.

9.2 DPW / Municipal Buildings / Park

T. Scott reported that the DPW caught a muskrat at the lagoons this week. Hoping to curtail the damage they are causing.

9.3 Streets / Sidewalks / Newsletter / Web Site

No Report.

9.4 Sewer / Codes

Waiting on numbers from the engineer.

9.5 Zoning / Ordinances / Annex / 425 / DDA

There is a DDA meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening.

9.6 SSES

R. Peterson explained that the investigation is ongoing. They are doing interviews this week and hope to have everything wrapped up in two weeks. The Chief is still out on administrative leave.

9.7 Homecoming

No Report.

9.8 Budget

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 131 Main Street

J. Gormley explained that the Village has received an order from the Court allowing the demolition of

the buildings on the property.

MOTION by P. Dickerson, seconded by A. Flynn to put the demolition out for bids. All ayes. Motion carried.

Will take bids until the end of August. The bidder will do all environmental permits and work. Bids will have two options: one with complete tear down and removal and one leaving the foundation. The DPW will fill the foundation. DPW will fence off property with orange construction fencing.

10.2 Village Hall Maintenance/ Roof/ Garage Door Frames - Estimates

T. Scott reported that two bids have been submitted for the Fire Hall roof. The beam that is rotting will be an additional cost to either bid. Jimmerson said it should only be a few hundred dollars to replace the beam depending on how much needs to be replaced. The bid from Brown Home Improvement, Inc. is \$11,500.00. The bid from Jimmerson Roofing is \$10,455.00. T. Scott reminded Council members that SESA will reimburse the Village for 50% of costs.

MOTION by P. Hruska, second by A. Flynn to accept the bid from Jimmerson Roofing.

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

Still only have one bid for the garage door frames. Mike Grinnell submitted a bid for \$3,183.00, that would cover the three garage doors and one entry door for the Fire Hall and one garage door for the Police Department. P. Hruska would like to be able to see at least one more bid for comparison. He suggested calling Overhead Door in Owosso.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to accept the bid from Grinnell if unable to get a bid from Overhead Door. If another bid is received review them both at the next meeting.

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

10.3 Perry Township Sewer Rate TABLED.

10.4 Old Sewer Truck Bids

T. Scott reported that we have received three bids, all for \$1,000.00. It was decided to put the bids in a hat and have the attorney draw them out and number them 1,2, & 3. T. Scott will call bidder #1, they will have three business days to pay for the vehicle or it will go to the next bidder. The same procedure will be followed until the truck is sold.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to accept the \$1,000.00 bid for the old sewer truck.

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

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Lansing Road TABLED.

11.2 Hunting on Village Owned Property

Two Village residents asked about hunting on Village property, specifically the Lagoon property and the Transfer Station property. The Village Ordinance says no hunting without written permission from the property owner. It was unanimously decided not to give permission.

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11.3 St. Mary's Parade / Road Closure

T. Scott read the letter from St. Mary's requesting road closures for their annual Fall Festival and Parade on September 9th and 10th. The parade will be on September 9th from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. The route will be on Main Street from Britton Road to Mason Street. The road will be closed during that time. They also requested that Main Street between Mason and Davis Streets be closed on September 9th from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on September 10th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:50 p.m.

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by P. Hruska to approve St. Mary's Parade and Road Closure Application as presented All ayes. Motion carried.

Announcements / Correspondence: None.

Guest Comments:

Mrs. Peterson asked about DayStarr coming to the Village. T. Scott explained that he has been working with DayStarr to get the interest survey out. They will need a specific number of households to respond with interest before they will consider bringing the fiber internet to the Village at no cost to the Village. The original estimated cost was \$300,000.00, which is not feasible for the Village. They are currently working on revising the text for the survey.

P. Hruska asked about the Village sending out a fall mailer to feature the Transfer Station and the Village businesses. It could be mailed to the Village residents and some surrounding areas. R. Peterson will take the idea to the DDA at tomorrow's meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Todd Scott, Village President
Karen McGuire, Clerk