

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 09/12/23)

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Attorney: Clint Stevenson, Police Chief: Matt Balsley, and DPW: Hayden Bradberry.

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: None.

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

MOTION by T. Scott, seconded by A. Flynn to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by R. Peterson to approve the August 8, 2023, minutes, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Guests: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Personnel / Police / Transfer Station / Insurance / Retirement

Chief Balsley reminded everyone that school starts on Thursday. The first football games will be this week. A. Flynn reported that a school board member asked if there has been any progress on addressing the one-way traffic proposal at the school. There has been no action.

T. Scott explained that Ted, the Transfer Station operator, is going to have knee surgery soon and so will be off work for 3 to 6 weeks. D. Olsen will cover for him, and H. Bradberry will step in as needed.

9.2 DPW / Municipal Buildings / Park

T. Scott reported that the cracked window at the office and the broken window and lock at the Park have all been replaced.

9.3 Streets / Sidewalks / Newsletter / Web Site

T. Scott reported that someone walked through the fresh concrete in the new sidewalk at the DPW building. The contractors brushed out the footprints as well as possible.

9.4 Sewer / Codes

No Report.

9.5 Zoning / Ordinances / Annex / 425 / DDA

No Report.

9.6 SESA

P. Dickerson explained that Chief Hubbard is still out on paid leave. The attorneys will talk soon.

9.7 Homecoming

No Report. P. Dickerson commented that if the Village is going to have a Festival next year, they need to get started on fundraising as soon as possible. T. Scott said they need to clarify Halloween plans soon too.

9.8 Budget

The Budget Committee meeting scheduled for Friday, August 25th at 5:30 p.m. has been canceled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 131 Main Street

The Village is still accepting demolition bids until the end of the month. Still only have one bid.

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

Overhead Door estimates are in the packets. There are two estimates – one to wrap the door jambs in metal for \$3,966. and one to remove the brick between the Fire Department doors and replace it with metal siding for \$3,646. The previous bid from M. Grinnell was to replace the boards with Trex plastic composite. A. Flynn mentioned that Jim Jarred is a brick layer here in town who could possibly replace the brickwork. H. Bradberry will check with him for an estimate.

MOTION by P. Hruska, second by A. Flynn to accept M. Grinnell's bid.

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

10.3 Perry Township Sewer Rate

TABLED.

10.4 Lansing Road

TABLED.

10.5 Sewer Lagoon Valve Repair

T. Scott reported at S. Hughes, the lagoon operator, has gotten quotes from Eifert to repair the valves in pond 2. They will charge \$2,500 labor per day and estimate that the job will take up to 2 days. The valves are \$1,400 each and there are 3 that need to be replaced. Estimated project cost is \$9,200.

MOTION by P. Hruska, second by A. Flynn to approve spending up to \$10,000 to replace the valves.

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

10.6 Morrice Road Repair

T. Scott explained the change order received from the engineers. The estimated cost to have TomCo repair Morrice Road while they are here is \$9,000. They will grind it down 2 inches and resurface the lane, 12' wide by 180' long. R. Peterson commented that the whole road needs to be done over rather than just the bad spot. There was discussion including the actual condition of the road, the engineers, the previous contractors, and a possible lawsuit.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Announcements / Correspondence: None.

Guest Comments:

D. Price must park by the library because the apartment has no parking spot for her. She would like to rent a space at the library. There was discussion. C. Stevenson will talk to J. Gormely about parking in the Village. There will soon be additional parking on Second Street once road construction is completed.

R. Peterson and A. Flynn attended the SEDP Blight Elimination meeting. The program may provide financial help with the 131 Main Street project. The property will have to go into the County Land Bank. The Village may still be able to purchase it at the tax sale. Asbestos testing will be required. R. Peterson will work with the SEDP on the application.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Todd Scott, Village President