

VILLAGE OF MORRICE DDA MEETING/MINUTES

July 26, 2023

VILLAGE OF MORRICE HALL

1. Call to Order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

-Beth Andrus: present,

-Robert Peterson: present

-Lyn Smith: present,

-Troy Binkley: present,

-Todd Scott: present,

-Absentees: Jeff Harris, Dan Munro, Glenn Gutting, Bob Opsommer.

3. Approval of Agenda:

A. Motion to approve agenda with the addition of report on Day Star under Old Business and a new advertising flyer under New Business was made by Lyn Smith and seconded by Robert Peterson.

B. Motion carried.

4. Call to public:

A. No response.

5. Informational Report:

A. DDA functions and purpose were presented for public knowledge. An information sheet was presented for public awareness of the dealings of the DDA of Morrice. The DDA contributes \$1,000's each year to the rebuilding of roads. An update of the dates and amounts was listed along with "smaller projects" that the DDA has invested in for the 2022 and 2023 fiscal years. The public was also informed that a Dollar General store will be coming to Morrice before the end of 2023. The new tax revenues will accrue to the DDA to help assist in future projects in the District. No questions were asked. -Motion was made by Robert Peterson and seconded by Troy Binkley to approve the report.

-Motion carried.

7. Financial Report:

- A. The current standing of the account is \$158,000.
- B. The fee paid for last year's contribution to the Village of Morrice Road Repair Project was \$15,000. We will announce this year's amount when notified.
- C. We were notified by the Perry Township Treasurer that we could expect an increase of 5% from the tax payments to be received in September of 2023, due to the increase in taxes levied.

8. Old Business:

- A. The Water Storage Tank project is tabled until Dan Munro returns.
- B. The decision was made to approve the Master Plan review and leave it as is.
 - 1. Motion was made to approve the Master Plan as is by Robert Peterson. Seconded by Troy Binkley.
 - 2. Motion carried.
- C. Day Star Communications is interested in expanding coverage to the Morrice area. This would bring fiber optic speed internet to under-served communities at prices as low as \$30 (or \$5 under a federal grant program for low-income homes). Daystar is requesting we send a survey card to individual households in our community to measure interest in this service. Todd Scott reported that the Village of Morrice Board will be funding the mailing for \$400. It will be printed out as soon as the final draft is completed, and sent through the USPS EDDM program to homes in the 48857 area.
- D. The Safe Routes To School Project consultant, Owen Strenski, has asked that the DDA Board meet again to recap and update our plans at the end of August for the Morrice Schools access streets and sidewalks. Robert Pouch suggested he was holding the 30th of August open in case we could meet that day before 3:00 p.m.
- E. Village of Morrice street construction will begin again August 15th after the Village Board

meets on the 8th of August for the final vote. They will decide at that meeting which streets will be included.

9. New Business:

A. The Village of Morrice Board has proposed a flyer to advertise the downtown businesses of Morrice. The flyer has been used in previous years to both advertise specials for the businesses and for the Homecoming events. This year there will not be a Homecoming event, but the flyer could be used to promote new interest. It was also suggested that we expand the area for the flyer mailing south of town toward Webberville and Williamston, as they surround our zip code boundaries. Lynn Smith also suggested that we add advertisement for the empty lots and buildings for sale on Main Street. Robert Peterson will gather the cost estimates for the mailing options, and work with the printer, American Speedy Printing, to bring a proposal to the DDA. We may ask for a Special Meeting to be called in August or September in order to expedite the mailing for the fall season. An early estimate would be an expenditure of approximately \$2200 to \$2500 for the expanded area mailing.

Next Meeting will be held October 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. unless a Special Meeting is needed.

Adjournment at 6:40 p.m.