

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 05/28/24)

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

Absent: None.

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

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: None.

Guest Comments on the Agenda: Mr. Ackley commented on people speeding in front of his house.

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

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by P. Dickerson to approve the April 9, 2024, minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Guests: Robert Hinojosa – Candidate for Shiawassee County Prosecuting Attorney explained his platform and why he wants the position. He will be on the August Primary ballot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Personnel / Police / Transfer Station / Insurance / Retirement

Chief Balsley reported that the officer considered for a part-time position here has been approached by Durand for a full-time position. Their board approved hiring two part-time officers rather than one full-timer. He is considering his options at this time.

The seniors are done with school and the rest of the students have 2 ½ weeks left for this year.

Discussed unmown lawns in the Village.

9.2 DPW / Municipal Buildings / Park

T. Scott has been looking for crack seal machines but has not been able to find something in the suggested price range. Might have to consider looking at a used machine.

Chief Balsley asked if the Board was still interested in surveillance for the Park. He will bring information to the next meeting.

9.3 Streets / Sidewalks / Newsletter / Web Site

No Report. T. Scott would like to talk to the DDA about possibly helping with some sidewalks.

9.4 Sewer / Codes

No Report.

9.5 Zoning / Ordinances / Annex / 425 / DDA

No Report. T. Scott asked about DDA flyers. R. Peterson is working on getting them together.

9.6 SSES

P. Dickerson reported that there are 3 full-time positions open. They will be hiring 2 new paramedics. Fire calls are up 53 calls this year. There have been 418 EMS calls so far this year. Station 2 needs electrical upgrades – may ask the Village to help with costs.

D. Munro received the Fire Fighter of the Year Award. K. Davis was presented with the Citizens Lifesaving Award.

9.7 Budget

A Budget Committee meeting was held on Sunday, May 6th. As there have been a few unexpected expenses recently it was recommended that \$80,000 be moved from the General Fund investment account to the General Fund checking account.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to transfer \$80,000 from the General Fund investment account to the General Fund checking account.

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

Treasurer will move funds on Friday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 131 Main Street – Bids / Blight Elimination Process

There has been a claim made against the property. Discussed what that means for moving forward with the Blight Elimination Process and the Right of First Refusal at the tax sale. There are no clear answers at this time.

10.2 PC Recommendation - Zoning Ordinance Changes to Include Renewable Energy Provisions

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing for consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to include Renewable Energy Provisions. They approved Resolutions and sent a recommendation to the Board. The Council will hold a Public Hearing regarding the same consideration on May 28th at 6:00 p.m.

10.3 President's Discretionary Spending Approval Amount - Resolution

J. Gormley presented a Resolution, with amounts approved at the last Council meeting. The President can approve spending up to \$4,000 for any Village vehicle repair or related matter and \$1,500 for anything else without seeking prior Council approval.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to approve the Resolution, as presented.

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

10.4 Surrender Lansing Road – Act 51 Jurisdiction – Ordinance

J. Gormley presented an Ordinance, previously discussed, to transfer the Act 51 jurisdiction of Lansing Road to Shiawassee County. After further discussion it was decided that this text will be added - "This Ordinance shall not change territorial limits for the Village of Morrice nor the TIF District of the Morrice DDA."

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by P. Dickerson to approve the Ordinance, as amended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 MDOT Category B Grant Applications - Resolutions

The Grant applications were discussed at the last meeting. Resolutions are to be submitted with the applications. Since the Village is submitting two projects this time, two separate applications and two separate Resolutions are needed. J. Gormley presented the two Resolutions. One for \$181,570 for

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Melladee Lane, Hickory Street, and First Street, (from Morrice Road to Main Street). And one for \$160,605.00 for Walker Drive and Davis Street (from Morrice Road to Main Street).

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to approve the Resolution for \$181,570 for Melladee Lane, Hickory Street, and First Street, (from Morrice Road to Main Street), as presented.

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

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to approve the Resolution for \$160,605.00 for Walker Drive and Davis Street (from Morrice Road to Main Street), as presented.

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

11.2 Fire Hall - Electric

T. Scott reported that he talked to T. Atkins at SESA regarding splitting the cost to remove the hose dryer and fix the roof and the support beam at the fire station. Mr. Atkins reported that the fire hall is in need of some electrical upgrades, and he requested the Village consider sharing those costs. The Board will need to see itemized estimates before making any commitment.

Review Financial Statement / Pay Bills

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to pay the bills, as presented. (List Attached)

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

Announcements / Correspondence: None.

Guest Comments:

S. Ackley apologized for going to the DPW with a complaint rather than talking to the President or Board first.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Todd Scott, Village President
Karen McGuire, Village Clerk