

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 07/23/24)

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, Philip Hruska, and Robert Peterson.

Absent: Bridgett Flynn.

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

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: None.

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

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

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by P. Hruska to approve the June 11, 2024 and the June 27, 2024 minutes, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Guests: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Personnel / Police / Transfer Station / Insurance / Retirement

No Report.

9.2 DPW / Municipal Buildings / Park

H. Bradberry reported that the DPW is catching up with mowing and getting the trees off the fence at the lagoons. He will get quotes for the tree removal and fence repair. The Orkin man mentioned possible insect problems at the Park building. The DPW will do some clean up there and then the Orkin man will treat to prevent the problem.

T. Scott reported that he has been in contact with the builders for the steel building at the Transfer Station. There is no exact date for build yet. The DPW will get another 10 yards of playground mulch for the Park.

9.3 Streets / Sidewalks / Newsletter / Web Site

No Report.

9.4 Sewer / Codes

No Report. P. Hruska mentioned asking the operator about the other two lagoon liners to see when or if he thinks they might need replacing.

9.5 Zoning / Ordinances / Annex / 425 / DDA

No Report.

9.6 SSES

P. Dickerson reported that union negotiations will be starting soon. The Board voted on healthcare for full-time employees. Still looking into possible criminal prosecution.

9.7 Budget

No Report. Need to set up a Budget Committee meeting for next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 131 Main Street – Bids / Blight Elimination Process
Will be discussed in closed session.

10.2 Hire Part-Time DPW Employee
T. Scott reported that he picked a candidate and would like to get him started soon. The Board has already approved the hiring, hours, and wage rate. T. Scott just wanted the Board to know they found someone. He will start this week and the background check will be completed when Chief Balsley is available.

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Appoint Trustee
Maggie Saint Amour has expressed interest in the trustee position. She came to this meeting and has already gotten paperwork from the Township Clerk to have her name on the November ballot.

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by P. Hruska to appoint Maggie Saint Amour to the remaining portion of the four-year term for the Council seat vacated by T. Scott when he was elected President. Term to end November 2024.

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

Ms. Saint Amour was sworn into office and took a seat at the Council table.

11.2 Fire Hall Electric Update
T. Scott explained the letter and invoice received from SSESAs as a request to pay for one half of the cost to update the electric outlets and fans in the apparatus bay of the Fire Hall. The total estimate is \$1,214. They are requesting the Village pay \$607. Since they sent an invoice for the requested funds there was discussion about when to send payment. Village practice is normally to pay after the work is complete. T. Scott will talk to Chief Atkins.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to approve paying the requested \$607. for the electrical updates to the Fire Hall.

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

11.3 Closed Session – Real Property

MOTION by T. Scott, seconded by P. Hruska to go into a closed meeting at 6:20 p.m. to discuss the purchase of real property.

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

MOTION by T. Scott, seconded by P. Hruska to go back to an open meeting at 6:31 p.m. All ayes.
Motion carried.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to proceed as discussed in closed session.

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

Review Financial Statement / Pay Bills / Fund Transfers

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

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

Announcements / Correspondence:

R. Peterson may not be able to attend the August 13th meeting and P. Hruska is unsure if he will be able to be at the July 23rd meeting.

Guest Comments: None.

MOTION by T. Scott, seconded by A. Flynn to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Todd Scott, Village President
Karen McGuire, Village Clerk