

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 07/09/24)

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Absent: Bridgett Flynn.

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

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: Add: 11.2 St. Mary's Parade Permit and Road Closure
11.3 Closed Meeting

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

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

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by P. Dickerson to approve the May 28, 2024, minutes, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Guests:

Doug Corwin, the current Shiawassee County Public Defender, is running for Probate Court Judge. He explained his beliefs and why he is running for the position.

Robert Hinojosa – Candidate for Shiawassee County Prosecuting Attorney explained his platform and why he is running for the position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Personnel / Police / Transfer Station / Insurance / Retirement

Chief Balsley reported that the recent local neighborhood watch web page offers some accurate information and some that is not so accurate. T. Scott had a meeting with R. Pouch, from the school, regarding Chief Balsley's time at the school. The school may add to what they pay but will have to ask the Board for approval. Chief Balsley said his department audit went well. The new taser is finally here.

9.2 DPW / Municipal Buildings / Park

T. Scott reported that the DPW got the crack seal machine from Pennsylvania, made some repairs, and got it up and running. They purchased some material for it and will be testing it soon. There are some trees at the lagoon property that were downed by the wind and the fence has been damaged.

9.3 Streets / Sidewalks / Newsletter / Web Site

T. Scott will ask the DDA about possibly helping with the sidewalk in front of the bank building as well as the concrete at the Park pavilion.

9.4 Sewer / Codes

The lagoon contract is up at the end of this year. Discussed giving the current renter the first option to renew.

9.5 Zoning / Ordinances / Annex / 425 / DDA

The Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing to consider rezoning for the United Methodist

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Church parsonage property.

9.6 SSES

P. Dickerson gave the monthly report. They have discussed their tax exemption status, costs to maintain equipment, and are considering prosecution.

9.7 Budget

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 131 Main Street – Bids / Blight Elimination Process

Will be discussed in closed session.

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 June 25th Meeting

MOTION by P. Dickerson, seconded by A. Flynn to cancel the June 25th Council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

11.2 St. Mary's Parade Permit and Road Closure

St. Mary's has requested a parade permit and road closure for their Fall Festival for September 7th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The parade route will be on Main Street from South Street to Mason Street.

MOTION by T. Scott, seconded by A. Flynn to approve St. Mary's parade permit and road closure request, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

11.3 Closed Meeting

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to go into a closed meeting at 6:35 p.m. to discuss real property.

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

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by P. Hruska to go out of closed meeting at 7:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

11.4 Direct Mailer Flyers

R. Peterson reported that the cost for printing 6,500 flyers will be \$1,247. Postage will be \$1,288. Payment will be from the Transfer Station Fund with the DDA to reimburse the Village for half the costs.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by P. Dickerson to approve payment for the printing and postage for the flyers to be paid out of the Transfer Station Fund.

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

Review Financial Statement / Pay Bills / Fund Transfers

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

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

Announcements / Correspondence:

T. Scott announced that Ackley's sewer will hopefully be done tomorrow.

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Guest Comments: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Todd Scott, Village President
Karen McGuire, Village Clerk