

SPECIAL MEETING
VILLAGE OF MORRICE DDA
JULY 31, 2024
MORRICE VILLAGE HALL

1. Call to Order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call:

Present: Beth Andrus, Bob Opsommer, Todd Scott, Lyn Smith, Bob Peterson, Jeff Harris, Dan Munro, and Troy Binkley

Absent: Glen Gutting

4. Approval of Agenda

A. Motion was made to approve the agenda as presented:

B. Motion made by: Bob Opsommer and supported by: Troy Binkley.

All ayes, the motion carried.

5. Call to the Public

None

6. Approval of Minutes from 7-10-24 and 7-18-24

A. Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion was made by: Dan Munro and supported by: Troy Binkley for 7-10-24.

All ayes, the motion carried.

Motion was made by: Jeff Harris and supported by: Bob Opsommer for 7-18/24.

All ayes, the motion carried.

7. Old Business

- A. The purchase of real estate in the Amended District Resolution Plan will include 3 vacant lots at \$12,000, along with closing cost for a total of \$13,500. The purchase of all lots is expected to close around September 1, 2024.
- B. The final purchase price of the 4th vacant lot is \$6957.30
- C. The expected price for the sidewalk repair will be \$60,000.
Bids will need to be requested before the final expenses are tallied. Bids will be requested by September 25, 2024. This plan would be expected to finalize in 2027.
- D. The plan proposed for upgrading the Village Park including new posts, new cement for the floor of the pavilion, and bathroom repairs and upgrades is slated to begin in the spring of 2025.
It was suggested that bids for the three-part plan as well as the individual plans should be requested simultaneously from contractors.
- E. Motion was made to approve the 2024 Amended Resolution to the Village of Morrice DDA Development Plan as it stands.
Motion was made by: Dan Munro and supported by: Todd Scott.
All ayes, the motion carried.

- 8. Four committees were created to manage each of the purchases as well as the projects that have been approved.
 - A. The first committee was formed to bring recommendations for the future development of the vacant lots.

Beth Andrus will chair the committee. Troy Binkley and Bob Opsommer will be members.

B. The second committee will oversee the sidewalk repair within the business district. Dan Munro will chair and Jeff Harris and Troy Binkley will assist.

C. The third committee will oversee the Village Park project along with the Village Board. Todd Scott will chair and Lyn Smit and Bob Peterson will assist.

D. The fourth committee to consider holiday decorations was requested by a resident at the recent Public Hearing that was held in July. This committee will be Chaired by Dan Munro and Todd Scott will assist. They will review and investigate the use of solar powered lighting and alternative mobile posts for holiday decorations. Lyn Smith suggested that she would be willing to donate some of the decorations for the DDA and the Village of Morrice Board to use. Additional volunteers (including village residents) would be appreciated. It is assumed that we will be looking at the 2025 season for the decorations.

E. Beth Andrus announced that she will be meeting with SEDP Director Justin Horvath and a representative from MEDC on the 12th of August to review possible State grants and funding for the development of the vacant lots. Anyone is welcome to attend.

9. Shawn Thronson from Glazing Solutions has agreed to join the DDA board. There was a consensus to approve recommending his appointment to the Village Council.

10. The next regular meeting will be held: August 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment at 6:45 p.m.