

# VILLAGE OF MORRICE DDA MEETING/MINUTES

October 25, 2023

Morrice Village Hall

1. Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call:
  - Beth Andrus: present
  - Robert Peterson: present
  - Lyn Smith: present
  - Troy Binkley: present
  - Todd Scott: present
  - Bob Opsommer: present
  - Dan Munro: present
  - Absentees: Jeff Harris, Glenn Gutting
3. Approval of Agenda:
  - a. Beth Andrus presented the agenda with the addition of these updates:
    1. The road work from Mason Street to First Street and Third Street to Second Street (including the alley west of Main Street between Second Street and Third Street) have been repaved. No further road repairs are planned for this year.
    2. The new Dollar Store building is under construction but there is concern it will not be finished before the end of 2023. This would impact our accrued tax revenues for the current year under the Tax Incentive Program in a negative way.
  - b. The Motion to Approve the Agenda with the additions was so moved by Troy Binkley and seconded by Lyn Smith.
  - c. The motion carried.
4. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. Beth Andrus presented the minutes with additions:
    1. The addition of the Minutes from July 26, 2023, including the appointment of This year's officers: President Beth Andrus, Vice President Lyn Smith, and Secretary and Treasurer Robert Peterson. Motion to approve by Todd Smith and seconded by Troy Hinkley.
    2. The April 26, 2023 meeting Minutes were corrected to reflect that the pre-set fundings for the road work were increased from \$60,000 to \$80,000, and the checking account balance was increased to \$173,433.14. The motion to approve was made by Jeff Harris and seconded by Robert Peterson.
  - b. The Motion to Approve the Minutes with additions was made by Dan Munro and seconded by Troy Binkley.
5. Call to the Public:
  - a. No response.
6. Financial Report:
  - a. Currently reporting \$12,000 in checking. \$80,000 was moved to the Village for road work. The Village Treasurer had estimated that the DDA would receive \$39,000 in taxable revenues, however the actual amount was \$42,000.
7. Old Business:
  - a. Water Storage Tank. Dan Munro reported that he contacted the DPW in Perry to request the use of their Vacall to clean the gravel and debris from the bottom of the Water Storage Tank next

to the Fire Department garage. He expects to hear back from them soon. Dan says this cleaning is important to maintaining a back up source in case of fire in the downtown Morrice business district.

- b. SRTS. Beth Andrus and Robert Peterson have attended all SRTS meetings. To date there is a need for an in-person community meeting. This would facilitate answering any remaining questions and clearing up misconceptions, and thereby fulfilling the requirements for the SRTS grant. The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2023 in the District Superintendent's Office of the Morrice Elementary School. All are encouraged to attend.
- c. Lansing Rd. Todd Scott reported that the Village has determined to wave the nearly \$15,000 in yearly tax revenues from the section of Lansing Rd. within the Village limits, and allow the County Road Commission to assume full responsibility.
- d. DayStarr. DayStarr has received a less than satisfactory response from the Morrice and Perry area community. They will need to hear from a larger number of Residents in order to give these communities any reduction in start up costs. He asked that we encourage everyone we know to go to their website and fill out the questionnaire.
- e. Flyer. Robert Peterson gave an update on the status of the downtown business flyer that will be mailed to either the immediate Morrice, Perry, Shaftsbury, and Bancroft areas. Coverage can be spread to an additional route or two along our current border lines to include Webberville, Williamston, and Owosso as they overlap. The costs were also compared between a smaller flyer that was used in prior years (5 ½ X 11") to a full sheet flyer (8 ½ X11"). After hearing the varying sizes and outreach options, the board voted to appropriate \$3400 of the \$5000 budget for advertising to the full-page flyer and cover the largest area suggested.

A motion to Approve the appropriation of funds was made by Dan Munro and  
Seconded by Troy Binkley.

The motion carried.

#### 8. New Business:

A Halloween Party will be held at the Fire Department garage on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. We normally post a sign to advertise our involvement in this evening of celebration. In addition to the donations requested of the community, the DDA will allot a \$300 donation to cover the sign, to purchase candy, and to cover other miscellaneous expenses.

A Motion to Approve the \$300 donation was made by Lyn Smith and seconded by Bob Opsommer.

The motion carried.

The next DDA meeting will be held on January 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.