

VILLAGE OF MORRICE DDA

August 28, 2024

MORRICE VILLAGE HALL

1. Call to Order at 6:20 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call:

Present: Beth Andrus, Todd Scott, Bob Peterson, Jeff Harris, Dan Munro

Absent: Troy Binkley, Shaun Thronson, Lyn Smith, Bob Opsommer

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition of lawn mowing of the vacant lots and Halloween Contribution made by Harris, seconded by Peterson. All aye.

6. Approval of Minutes from 07-31-24. Motion was made by Harris, seconded by Munro to approve the minutes as presented. All aye.

7. Old Business

A. Sidewalk Project. By consensus it was agreed to try to replace the concrete in front of the ~~park~~^{bank} building and the 30' of sidewalk on the northwest corner of Main and Third St this year. Munro will bring estimates to the next meeting on September 25; and to delay the other projects to 2025.

B. Park Project. Scott reported that the village was going to repair the two bathrooms at the park building this year. Repair of the Pavilion will be next spring. The Village does not need the DDA's financial help for the bathroom repairs.

C. Holiday Decoration. There was general discussion of different ideas for decorating the village for the holidays. Munro will have more concrete proposals by the September 25th meeting.

D. Vacant Lots. Andrus reported on the meeting with the SEDP, MEDC and Lion Bear held earlier in August. Federal and state grants are potentially available for the majority of the cost of putting up a building. We will need to have public input on the project in order to qualify for these funds.

There was discussion about whether or not to do an environmental survey of the lots prior to closing on the purchase. The consensus was that since we know the history of these lots, we did not need to do that since it would delay the closing by 90-180 days. Closing is scheduled for September 4.

Andrus said there will be a meeting at 9:00 AM on Thursday, Sept. 12 at Village Hall with builders to discuss possible designs and to get rough estimates of the cost of construction.

Scott proposed that the DDA pay the village \$3000 to mow the lots 26 times during next year. General discussion was that this seemed too expensive, so Andrus will talk to other landscaping companies and report back to the Board.

8. New Business

A. Andrus informed the Board that the Council accepted our recommendation that Shaun Thronson from Glazing Solutions be appointed to fill the vacancy left by Glen Gutting's resignation.

B. Halloween. Harris moved and Peterson seconded that the DDA donate \$300 to the annual Halloween Party held at Village Hall. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Scott, Harris, Munro, Peterson, Andrus. Nays: None.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Harris, seconded by Munro to adjourn. All Ayed. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.