

# VILLAGE OF MORRICE DDA MINUTES

October 23, 2024

## MORRICE VILLAGE HALL

1. **Call To Order at 6:02 p.m.**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call:**

-**PRESENT:** Beth Andrus, Todd Scott, Lyn Smith, Bob Peterson, Troy Binkley, Dan Munro, Bob Opsommer, and Shaun Thronson.

-**ABSENT:** Jeff Harris

4. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Dan Munro and seconded by Bob Peterson. All Ayed.

5. **The Annual Informational Report** was presented by Beth Andrus and accepted by all attendees.

6. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made approve the minutes from September 25, 2024 by Troy Binkley and seconded by Shawn Thronson. All Ayed.

7. **The Finance Report** was presented by Beth Andrus and accepted with no changes or additions.

8. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Sidewalk Project. The cement was replaced in front of the old bank building and appears to have corrected the issues that the degradation had caused. The sidewalk at the northeast corner of Main and Third St was also replaced.

B. Holiday Decoration Project. Dan has continued to search for possible options for the town to use for holiday decorations along the sidewalks. With prices for solar poles ranging from \$3K to \$30K he has not found an affordable vendor to date. It was suggested that he

talk to Consumers Energy and see if they have any programs that would allow the poles to be replaced and belong to the village so that we can decorate for holidays and other celebrations. Beth Andrus offered a contact person for him.

C. Vacant Lot Project.

1. Lawn Mowing. Bob Peterson said that he was not interested in mowing the lots since the cost of liability insurance would exceed the revenue. Beth said she would contact Tony Karhoff at Rescue Me Lawn Care and proceed with his company keeping the lots mowed.
2. Contract with Arens Architecture. Beth Andrus reported that a contract was signed with Bill Arens, the architect, who will develop plans once a survey is completed for the entire area. Wolverine Engineering has submitted a bid for the survey including parcels 26 and 27 of \$1650.

Motion was made to accept the bid for \$1650 by Dan Munro and seconded by Troy Binkley. Roll Call: All Ayed.

D. The DDA officially offered the owner of the old bank building to purchase the building for \$10k plus taxes and closing costs (which would total at \$30K) to take over the ownership. The current owner at first countered the offer asking for \$110K and then listed the property for \$49,000. Several questions were raised by board members:

Where is the well?

Can we tour the building?

Has the building been inspected recently and is it insured?

E. Village Sign Project. Todd Scott is looking into bids for the suggested repair/replacement of the Village sign off Lansing Rd. He currently has a bid of \$15K from Agnew Signs but is waiting on bids from the Great Gazebo Co. and Edward Signs. He has also talked to the High School about having the shop class build a new sign.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. The reappointment of member comes up every November. Beth Andrus and Jeff Harris are recommended for reappointment.

B. It was also mentioned that any board members serving on the Planning Commission for the Village needs to take the Oath of Office. Each member should stop by the Village Office to be sworn in by the Village Clerk.

10. The next meeting will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> due to the coming Thanksgiving holiday on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.