

# VILLAGE OF MORRICE DDA MINUTES

May 28, 2025

Morrice Village Hall

## 1. Call to Order at 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call-

In attendance: Beth Andrus, Todd Scott, Troy Binkley, Jeff Harris, Bob Opsommer, Shawn Thronson.

Absent: Bob Peterson, Lyn Smith, and Dan Munro.

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

## 3. Approval of Agenda.

Motion was made by Jeff Harris to approve the agenda, and seconded by Troy Binkley. Motion was approved unanimously.

## 4. Call to the Public.

## 5. Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2025.

Motion was made by Troy Binkley to approve the minutes, and seconded by Jeff Harris. Motion was approved unanimously.

## 6. Financial Report.

## 7. Old Business:

### A. Vacant Lots and Bank Building

1. Beth Andrus brought 3 sets of quotes to review and vote on as part of the Phase I requirements. The Environmental Assessment Proposal bids were submitted by ECS of Lansing for \$2000 each, Fishbeck of Kalamazoo for \$2500 each, and Tri Terra of Lansing for \$2600 each.

2. Motion was made by Bob Opsommer to approve the bid from ECS and supported by Todd Scott. Roll Call Vote. All voted Aye.

3. The Fishbeck engineers also submitted a bid for the Hazardous Materials Inspection for \$8800. This offer was tabled.

4. LOI update: Beth reported that she withdrew the LOI for the CDBG Grant given new information.

5. Lionbear has proposed that a tri-fold pamphlet could be made

available for prospective investors for the vacant lot. The costs will be covered through a grant. Beth Andrus reported further discussion is needed before the pamphlet layout is finalized.

#### B. Holiday Decoration Project:

1. Bob Opsommer reported that he is waiting for an estimate of cost for the decorating of the 50-foot tree. He will have more information once the estimate is received.
2. Consumers Energy Update: Todd Scott reported that they have submitted all the required information to Consumers Energy and he and Dan Munro are still awaiting a reply from the representative. Once a date is set to meet with the representative, they will be able to assess the possibility of installing fixture on the posts that will also be used for holiday decorating.

#### C. Park Pavillion

Todd Scott also reported that the Park Pavillion repairs are moving forward as the bids are received and reviewed. The Village Council expects to decide on the bid winner soon.

#### D. Sidewalks Update:

There is still approximately \$13,000 of the original \$20,000 left that was set aside to work on sidewalk repairs within the business district. It was decided that the Board will hold these funds in reserve as future expenses are assessed on the building projects.

#### E. Village Sign:

Todd Scott reported that a decision was made on the new Village sign. The Village Board is expecting a replacement within the next few weeks.

#### 8. New Business.

1. The Architect has submitted drafts for the proposed repairs to the bank building for review by the Board. There was some discussion on the possibility of additional repair to the brick that lays under the current façade of the front of the building. The Board will continue to review the plans for discussion at the next meeting.

#### 9. Bills.

1. Rescue Me Lawn Care \$300.
2. J&A Drain Cleaners \$410.

A motion was made by Jeff Harris to approve the payment of each of the bills and seconded by Shawn Thronson. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes.

10. The next regular meeting will be held June 25, 2025.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.