

# VILLAGE OF MORRICE DDA MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 27, 2025

## MORRICE VILLAGE HALL

1. Call To Order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

-In attendance: Beth Andrus, Jeff Harris, Bob Peterson, Bob Opsommer,  
Shaun Thronson, Lyn Smith, and Dan Munro.

-Absent: Todd Scott and Troy Binkley.

3. Approval of Agenda

-Motion was made by Jeff Harris to Approve the Agenda and seconded by  
Shaun Thronson. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Call to the Public

-Robert Ray was in attendance who will be offering bids for the tree decorating. He also  
has suggestions for the Village Holiday Decorating Project.

5. Approval of Minutes from July 23, 2025

-Motion was made by Jeff Harris to Approve the Minutes and seconded by  
Shaun Thronson. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Financial Report:

A. Beth Andrus reported the balance in all accounts for August is \$123,857.52.

7. Old Business:

A. The first stage of the Rural Readiness Grant has been approved, and Lion Bear is  
currently pursuing the full benefits the grant offers totaling \$60,000 (\$50,000 from the  
grant and a 20% match from the DDA).

B. Holiday Decoration Project:

1. Consumers Energy has not yet set a date to review the poles needed for the  
proposed Project.

2. Robert Ray of Splash N Wash Window Cleaning presented a proposal to decorate the large tree outside the Fire Department. Although his primary business is as a window washer, he has diversified his business by switching to holiday decorating during the fall and winter months. He was also asked to make suggestions about pole decorating for the Village. The DDA is currently gathering cost estimates to decorate the poles with banners and/or solar lights. Mr. Ray suggested a few unique options when using solar lights or smart lights, some of which could be mounted on the outside of at least 2 of the downtown buildings. He will bring cost proposals to the next DDA meeting for the Board to review. Bob Opsommer suggested we consolidate the affected area to the one block of Main Street between Second and Third Streets, and 10 poles.

8. New Business:

A. Dale Greenhoe has requested a meeting with the DDA to preview the new site plans for the change from Condos to Apartment buildings he has proposed. Beth Andrus suggested we hold a special meeting before the September 24th meeting. The Board agreed to meet on September 10 at 6:30 p.m.

9. Bills:

A. Motion was made by Jeff Harris to approve payment to Rescue Me Lawn Care for \$300, and to pay the property taxes due. The motion was seconded by Bob Peterson. On a roll-call vote, all present voted aye.

10. The next meeting, as approved by the Board, will be held September 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

11. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.