

# VILLAGE OF MORRICE DDA MINUTES

December 17, 2025

## MORRICE VILLAGE HALL

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call:

-Attendees: Beth Andrus, Todd Scott, Bob Peterson, Dan Munro, Shaun Thronson,  
Jeff Harris, Troy Binkley, and Lyn Smith.

-Absentees: Bob Opsommer.

4. Approval of Agenda:

-Motion was made by Jeff Harris to approve the agenda and seconded by Bob Peterson.

-Motion passed unanimously.

5. Call to the Public.

-None.

6. Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2025:

-Motion was made by Jeff Harris to approve the minutes and seconded by Troy Binkley.

-Motion passed unanimously.

7. Financial Report.

A. The current balance in all accounts is \$128,644.51.

8. Old Business.

A. The Old Bank Building Rural Readiness Grant was turned down this week. The next phase of assisted funding will come through Bonds. Mr. Gormley, the Village attorney, and Mr. Canfield, a Bond attorney, will be meeting via Zoom with Beth on January 12 to discuss the details of selling Bonds for the construction costs.

B. The Bank Building Asbestos Study was submitted to the DDA Board for review. Some asbestos was found and must be remediated.

C. Repairs were made by the prior tenants to the Old Bank Building facade and the full security deposit was refunded.

D. Lyn Smith will leave her position on the DDA Board as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2025. Andrea Laraway, the owner of Intrinsic Hair Salon, was approved as her replacement on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December during the Village Council Meeting. Bob Peterson and Bob Opsommer were also re-appointed to their positions as DDA Board members.

E. Beth Andrus requested that the Village Board review the sewer charges for the past Quarter for the Old Bank Building. A discount for the 2 sewer lines that are not being used would be more appropriate until repairs can be made and the building is available to new tenants. Todd Scott agreed to review her request at the next Village Board meeting in January.

#### 9. New Business.

A. A celebration will be held the first weekend after Labor Day for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Village of Morrice. The Village is joining with Saint Mary's Catholic Church in the festivities. It was suggested by the Village that the DDA sponsor a flyer to be sent to each household announcing the event. Bob Peterson volunteered to organize the printing and mailings of the flyer.

The flyer will be presented at the next DDA meeting in January.

B. Beth Andrus noted that the decorative lights on Main Street have been appreciated by Morrice residents. Beth asked for volunteers to form a committee to review what the cost will be to add pole decorations for next year's Christmas holiday season. Todd Scott, Dan Munro, and Lyn Smith will meet to discuss options.

#### 10. Bills:

A. Federal Environmental Contracting, Inc. charges for Asbestos survey and samples is:

\$2,810.00.

B. Return of the security deposit to Susan Lewis of Whatnots Over Yonder is:

\$2,500.00

C. Consumers Energy billing for the Old Bank Building is:

\$194.32

D. Motion was made by Bob Peterson to approve the Bills and seconded by

Shaun Thronson. The motion passed unanimously.

11. The next meeting of the DDA will be held on Wednesday January 28, 2026 at

6:00 p.m. At that time the Board will be planning for the 2026 budget.

12. Motion was made by Jeff Harris and seconded by Dan Munro to adjourn the meeting.

at 6:50 p.m.