

VILLAGE OF MORRICE DDA MEETING

March 25, 2026

Village of Morrice Hall

1. Call to Order 6:04 p.m.
2. Roll Call:
 - In attendance: Beth Andrus, Bob Peterson, Jeff Harris, Bob Opsommer, Troy Binkley, and Andrea Laraway.
 - Absentees: Todd Scott, Dan Munro, and Shaun Thronson.
3. Approval of Agenda.
 - Motion was made by Jeff Harris to approve the agenda, and seconded by Troy Binkley. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Call to Public.
 - No response.
5. Approval of Minutes from 2-25-2026.
 - Motion was made by Bob Peterson to approve the minutes, and seconded by Jeff Harris. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Financial Report.
 - A. Beth Andrus reported that the total in all accounts is \$136,423.36.
7. Old Business.
 - A. Christmas Decorations. Andrew Rost attended the meeting and explained the options available for leaving the lights up

year round or just using them for certain holidays.

-Option 3 (the option most like what we currently have) would be to maintain the strip lights as needed at a cost of \$4,000. The cost would be an additional \$2,000 per year after the first year.

-The next option was to replace the current light strips with Bistro Style lights that would be permanently hung at a cost of \$13,000.

B. The Board discussed the options and Motion was made by Bob Peterson to accept Option 3, replacing the current strip lighting with shorter strips, and seconded by Andrea Laraway. The motion passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote. Rost will forward to Beth Andrus the revised contract.

C. Architect's Response regarding Construction Plans

1. Beth Andrus spoke with Arens Architecture. They are concerned with the costs involved in adding an elevator to the Old Bank Building as well as the liabilities associated with it. There was a consensus to not include an elevator in the renovations.

The architectural fee will be \$25,000.

D. Snow Removal. With Todd Scott's absence it was agreed

to wait until next meeting to discuss snow removal plans.

8. New Business.

A. Post Office Repairs.

1. Beth Andrus submitted pictures of the walls in the Post Office lobby. The Board agreed that the walls should be repaired and have a fresh coat of paint. Bob Opsommer agreed to do the repairs at a cost of \$500.
2. Motion was made by Troy Binkley to pay Bob Opsommer to repair and paint the Post Office lobby walls and seconded by Bob Peterson. The motion was approved unanimously by Roll Call Vote.
3. Beth also submitted a request from the Post Office regarding the lift area to the rear of the building. She noted that it had eroded to the point that a truck sits at an unsafe angle when parked there. Bob Peterson said he would look it over to see if back filling was needed.

B. Lawn Mowing.

1. Anthony Karhoff of Rescue Me Lawncare, LLC alerted Beth Andrus that he would be increasing his fee for the

2026 mowing season by \$5, to a total of \$65 per event.

The Board agreed to the increase by a roll call vote.

C. Easter Egg Hunt Donation.

1. Beth Andrus suggested that the DDA donate the usual \$250, and the Board agreed by a roll call vote.

9. Bills.

A. The submitted bills for approval were:

- Consumers Energy: \$217.73
- Morrice Hardware: \$48.97
- Mailers: \$1280.35
- Easter Donation: \$250.00

B. Motion was made by Jeff Harris to pay the bills and seconded by Bob Opsommer. The motion passed unanimously.

10. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2026.

11. Motion was made by Jeff Harris to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Troy Binkley. The motion passed unanimously.