

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

November 9, 2020

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: at 7:00 PM by President Petersen

Present: Henry Petersen, President; Paul Block, Trustee; Linda Kizer, Trustee; Serine Petersen, Trustee, Terry Stilson, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer and Julie Berry, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

Absent: Robert Jusino, Trustee

Guests: Walt Dosch (maintenance), Janet Dosch, Sandy Leal.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: H. Petersen added “Appointment of Trustee”.

CONSENT AGENDA: S. Petersen motioned to accept the consent agenda, as presented, and Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll call vote: Yes – H. Petersen, Block, Kizer, S. Petersen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

- **Appointment of Trustee** – H. Petersen stated that he would like to nominate Sandy Leal as a Council Trustee. Council discussed with Sandy Leal the responsibilities of a Council Trustee. **Kizer motioned to appoint Leal as a Trustee with S. Petersen supporting the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Roll call vote: Yes – H. Petersen, Block, Kizer, S. Petersen.

Leal will fill Roger Polston’s position and will need to run at the next election in 2022.

- **Swearing in of elected Council members** – Stilson swore in President Henry Petersen, and Council Trustees Linda Kizer and Serine Petersen.
- **Sale of property on 6th Street** – H. Petersen stated that he has discussed this sale with the surveyor and the surveyor recommended not selling this property due to the difficulties it may cause with the truck pulls. S. Petersen asked if we could give them an easement and H. Petersen responded yes and discussion will take place at a later time. H. Petersen asked the Council permission to have the surveyor survey the maintenance building property. **Block motioned to allow Tingley to survey the municipal grounds with Kizer’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

Roll call vote: Yes – H. Petersen, Block, Kizer, S. Petersen.

Police, Fire & Rescue:

- **Body Cam Policy** – tabled until next month.

Streets & Sidewalk:

- **Bridge meeting 10/23/2020** – H. Petersen reported that he and Stilson had a virtual meeting with Spicer Group, a representative of the State of Michigan, to discuss our two bridges with the Village’s contractor who inspects them. H. Petersen reported that Spicer Group was impressed with the contractor, Brad Link.
- **MDOT Street Grant meeting 11/2/2020** – H. Petersen reported that he, Stilson, and Dosch had a virtual meeting with MDOT to discuss the grant process and paperwork needed for the street grant. Stilson stated she is still having problems getting in touch with the Grand Rapids Press/MLive to submit a request for bids since MDOT requires a major newspaper as one of the places to advertise.
- **Thompson Street Resolution 11-20-02** – **Kizer motioned to accept the resolution as presented with Block’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

Roll call vote: Yes – H. Petersen, Block, Kizer, S. Petersen.

- **MDOT Street Grant resolution 11-20-01 – S. Petersen motioned to accept the resolution for the MDOT grant adding the Contract number to it when it becomes available. Block supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Roll call vote: Yes – H. Petersen, Block, Kizer, S. Petersen.

Events & Festivals:

- Kizer stated she is uncomfortable about holding the Santa event at the Gazebo this year due to the pandemic. She will check with the Community Center to see if they would like to host it and update the Council. H. Petersen encouraged her to hold the event.

Millpond & Dam:

- **Dam Engineering and Repairs** – H. Petersen stated he is waiting to hear from Dave Johnson (Fleis & Vanderbrink).

Parks & Recreation:

- **Playground Equipment** – S. Petersen stated that D&K Fabricating may be able to repair some of the playground equipment. Some concerns were mentioned about the insurance and Stilson will contact the Village’s insurance and get information from them. Dosch stated that the wooden equipment is gone.
 - o **Playground Equipment grants** – Stilson stated she has discussed the project with the Mecosta County Community Foundation, and they said municipalities are eligible for grants, probably for a maximum of \$5,000 to \$6,000. Their application deadlines are October 1 and April 1. Stilson stated that we could apply for the DNR grant if we had a Park Plan. Stilson will forward that information to S. Petersen.

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees: None.

Health & Safety: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Kizer asked whether signs could be put up for a family with a blind member. H. Petersen replied that yes, the Village can. Kizer will get more information to H. Petersen.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- **Aluminum boat** – H. Petersen is still checking into it.

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stilson, Village of Morley Clerk