

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

**MINUTES**

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

December 14, 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, Sandra Leal, Trustee; Terry Stilson, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer and Julie Berry, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

**Absent:** None.

**Guests:** Walt Dosch (maintenance), Janet Dosch, Jared Christensen (Police), George Corey, and Nick Drost.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS:**

- H. Petersen introduced Nick Drost as a candidate for Council member.
- Drost reported that he may be interested in being a Council member and is attending the meeting to see how things work. He is an employee at Big Rapids Products and has lived in Morley for approximately one year.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None.

- Christensen distributed his statistics and changed them to add a week. He reported that Kendrick Taylor will be back to work in the Village in January. New equipment is needed for him since Metcalf has taken much of his equipment and will cost around \$800-\$900. Christensen stated he will reduce his hours and have Taylor and Metcalf perform ordinance and patrol duties. **Kizer motioned to approve up to \$900 for the third officer's equipment. Jusino supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Kizer 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, Jusino, Leal.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration & Finance:**

- **Bank Accounts** – Kizer inquired about when the bank accounts will be completely switched over to the Credit Union. Stilson responded as soon as checks can be received. Block stated that he is ordering them, and they should be here by January 6.
- **Survey of municipal grounds** – H. Petersen stated that he is still waiting for the surveyor.
- **Resolution for Remote Work** – Stilson explained that the State is requiring a policy be made for remote work. Stilson drafted a resolution because we do not have a book of policies. It will expire on April 14, 2021. **Jusino motioned to accept the resolution as presented and Leal supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **PROTEC Contribution** – Stilson stated that the Village attorney is encouraging us to pay membership fees to PROTEC but she doesn't really understand the contribution because it will be mailed to MML and the Village has a MML membership.
  - Berry explained that PROTEC protects rights-of-way and we receive funding from Charter and they may want to stop paying franchise fees.
  - H. Petersen asked Stilson to call MML and get more information about PROTEC and we'll discuss it at the January meeting.

**Police, Fire & Rescue:**

- **Body Cam Policy** – tabled until next month.
- **Fire Department Advisory Meeting will be held on January 6 at 7:00 PM at the Fire Department.**

- **Joint meeting of the Village, Deerfield & Aetna Townships and the Fire Department will be held on January 27 at 7:00 PM.**
  - Kizer will ask the Community Center if the meeting could be held there due to the close quarters of the Village Council room.

**Streets & Sidewalk:**

- Vacating Thompson Street – **Block motioned to accept the Thompson Street resolution and vacate Thompson Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets. Jusino supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Garbage/trash in town** – H. Petersen stated he has had some complaints of trash behind Kitson’s and at the Dollar General that is blowing around off their properties. He furthered that he is have the Village Police talk to them and they will work on it.
- **Street bids to date** – Street bids were distributed. Stilson stated that MDOT requires we take the lowest bids. Funding from MDOT is for each particular street and cannot be moved from one to the other. Stilson will have some cost figures and income expectations at the January meeting.

**Events & Festivals:**

- **Christmas Event** – Kizer reported that the Santa/Christmas event was held at the Community Center this year and was successful. Around 70 children attended, and each was able to talk to Santa through a plastic partition. The Credit Union was also there and distributed treats. A Christmas display of miniature houses was in the Media Room. The Pioneer had a reporter there.
- **Versiti** – Kizer reported that a blood drive will be held on the second Mondays of odd months from 1:00-7:00 PM beginning in January at the Community Center.

**Millpond & Dam:**

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

**Parks & Recreation:** None.

**Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:**

- H. Petersen stated the chipper isn’t working correctly and will need to get fixed in the spring.

**Health & Safety:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Aluminum boat** – H. Petersen has found the owner and they will pay the fee to get it returned.
- **Sign for blind child** – Kizer stated it is on hold now and we will see if it’s needed in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:** None.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Stilson, Village of Morley Clerk