

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
Conference Call due to COVID-19 Pandemic  
April 13, 2020  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

**Present:** Henry Petersen, President; Serine Petersen, Trustee; Teresa Havens, Trustee; Roger Polston, Trustee; Paul Block, Trustee; Linda Kizer, Trustee (7:05); Robert Jusino, Trustee; Terry Stilson, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer, and Julie Berry, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Kendrick Taylor (Police).

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS:** None.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None.

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

Roll call vote: Yes –S. Petersen, H. Petersen, Block, Havens, Polston, Jusino.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration & Finance:**

- **2019-20 Budget adjustments** – Stilson recommended the following general fund adjustments:
  - o Increase Police Dept by \$1200 to \$24,000
  - o Increase Maintenance by \$3100 to \$6000
  - o Increase Parks by \$11,350 to \$28,000
  - o Decrease Bldg/Grounds by \$11,600 to \$8000
  - o Decrease Dam by \$4,050 to \$18,450
  - o Increase Equipment Fund by \$1200 to \$81,200
  - o Increase Major Streets by \$1600 to \$31,600

**Havens motioned to approve the budget adjustments as presented, with Block’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Village Council Policy & Procedure Handbook** – Stilson reported that, as asked, she was informed by MML that “the handbook may only be revised by lying on the table...” is a Village requirement and not necessary. Stilson suggested changing the reading to “This handbook may only be revised with a roll call vote approval of the Village Council.” **Kizer motioned to approve the Village Council Policy & Procedure Handbook (with the new revision plus those that were made at the March meeting) with S. Petersen’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **April newsletter** – was distributed and approved. Stilson stated the Morley Community Center would like permission to add a page in the future at their own cost. Consensus of the Council was to approve their request.
- **Millage last changed** – Stilson reported that she has been researching this request but she and the County have not found a date when the Village’s millage was last changed.
- **Internet update** – Stilson reported that Ryan Maike cleaned the Village Hall computers. She also contacted AT&T, as requested, and their cost for 3 phone lines and 2 internet connections would be \$170 per month. We would not be able to transfer our website or email to their company. H. Petersen, and the consensus of the Council, said we would leave it alone right now.
- **DTE fuel costs** – Stilson says she has been bombarded with calls from a gas supplier wanting us to switch to their company and still get our bills from DTE. The consensus of the Board was not to switch our gas supplier.

**Police, Fire & Rescue:**

- **Video Surveillance Policy** – tabled until next meeting.
- **Computer upgrade** – Havens reported this is not needed.

- **Therapy Dog Proposal** – Taylor had previously distributed a proposal to train his dog to be a therapy dog. He said the dog will only be used for the Village and not the County. He may take it to MSCS also.
  - Havens stated that the Village had five CSC cases with Village residents and the dog could be used for these.
  - Taylor stated that he has been concerned that he is not getting any engagement from residents and a dog could help. He said counties with therapy dogs have reported success.
  - S. Petersen asked whether the dog would be used during Village events and Taylor answered yes.

**Havens motioned to approve the therapy dog and approve the \$570 cost for the first year and then approximately \$350 per year thereafter. Jusino supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **S. Peterson asked whether the Council could get a list of properties that the Police have given warnings and citations to. Havens will ask Christensen for this information.**

**Streets & Sidewalk:**

- **Drain Grant update** – Stilson reported the awards have been delayed but perhaps we will hear the week of April 20.
- **Reith Riley Pavement** – Fifth and Sixth Streets are still going to be paved this spring. The contracts were changed a bit to be sure they are paved to the dead ends on the west ends, with no monetary change in the bids.
- **Street Ordinance** – Havens will obtain the verbiage from Christensen.
- **Street Grant Resolution** – Stilson reported that there are grant monies available again, this year, for streets. A resolution was distributed, and approval is needed to submit a grant proposal. **Kizer motioned to approve the Street Grant Resolution with Block’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Kinney Parking Lot and Dam Parking Lot** – H. Petersen reported that the cracks in the pavement need sealing and would like to have bids on the job. The consensus of the Board was to go ahead with the bid request.
- **Transfer monies from Major to Local Streets** – **Havens motioned to move \$20,000 from Major Streets to Local Streets with Jusino’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**Events & Festivals:** None.

**Millpond & Dam:**

- Jusino reported:
  - No further word on the dam inspection.
  - Need repairs on gates.
  - Lights working well.
  - Supposed to be getting the pond treatment in May and the pills at the same time.

**Parks & Recreation:**

- **Park Ordinance** – Havens will check with Christensen on progress. S. Petersen will send the draft ordinance again to Havens.

**Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:** None.

**Health & Safety:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **War Memorial** – tabled until next meeting
- **Committee researching employee raise policy** – on hold until things are back to normal.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Stilson, Clerk, Village of Morley