

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

June 8, 2020

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Present: Henry Petersen, President; Serine Petersen, Trustee (7:02); Teresa Havens, Trustee; Paul Block (7:01), Trustee; Linda Kizer, Trustee; Robert Jusino, Trustee; Terry Stilson, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer, and Julie Berry, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

Absent: Roger Polston, Trustee.

Guests: Jared Christensen (Police), Walt Dosch (maintenance) and Janet Dosch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS: None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- Henry – MCC 4th of July Celebration and CFFCU Drain.
- Teresa – Police Wage Increase

CONSENT AGENDA: Kizer motioned to approve the consent agenda, as presented, and Havens supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Christensen reported that Policeman Taylor will be in the hospital for approximately 2.5 to 3 months and probably off work 10 to 12 months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

- **Newsletter** – Stilson explained that with the information needed to be distributed about taxes, cancellations, printing timelines, etc., she would like to get the newsletter out by the first of July. The consensus of the Council was to have her distribute it to the Council as soon as she gets it ready and they will approve it before the next meeting.
- **Tax Collection** – Stilson reported that due to COVID-19, she will be using the window for tax collection this year and will have her office door shut.
- **Millage information** – was distributed earlier and Stilson will discuss the process with the County now that County buildings are open.
- **Audit** – will be held July 6.

Police, Fire & Rescue:

- **Amend Curfew Ordinance** – Havens distributed a draft amendment to the Curfew Ordinance. **Havens motioned to accept the ordinance as amended with Jusino’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Park Ordinance** – Havens distributed a draft Parks Ordinance. **Havens motioned to accept the ordinance as presented with Block’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Consensus was these ordinance amendments did not have to be reviewed by the attorney.

- **Hire part-time Police Officer** – Havens reported that she has put an ad on the MCOLES website. Christensen said he may have some Mecosta County policemen who are interested. This will be temporary until Taylor can return.
- **Police Stats** – distributed.
- **War Memorial** – Havens reported talking with Debbie Kelley and she still has the nonprofit group who will be taking care of the Memorial. Her number is 231-856-7875 and she has given permission for her number to be

distributed. Stilson reported talking to the Legion and they have misgivings about it and are not interested in taking over the responsibility of the Memorial.

- **Police Wage increase** – Havens reported several local towns' rates for their policeman: Barryton \$17.30; Gladwin \$18; and Lakeview \$16 with Chief at \$20. **Havens motioned to increase (Morley's) officer wages to \$17 and the Chief wages to \$20. Kizer supported the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.**

Roll call vote: Yes – H. Petersen, Block, Havens, Jusino, Kizer. No – S. Petersen.

Streets & Sidewalk:

- **Drain Grant update** – no word yet.
- **Reith Riley Pavement** – Stilson reported that they have said they will begin the end of the week of June 15 or beginning of June 22 week. H. Petersen said he was disappointed with the person who measured the streets because he didn't do it right.
- **Street Ordinance** – tabled until next meeting.
- **Kinney Parking Lot and Dam Parking Lot** – tabled.
- **Bridge Inspection proposal** – **S. Petersen motioned to accept the proposal with Junino's support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Events & Festivals:

- Celebration on the Pond has been cancelled this year.
- **MCC-4th of July Celebration** – H. Petersen stated that MCC would like to have 7th Street closed for this occasion. Consensus of the Council was to allow this.
- **Community First Federal Credit Union (CFFCU) drain** – H. Petersen explained that the Credit Union would like to connect their drive-through drain to the Village's drainage system. **Block motioned to allow CFFCU to hook their drain from the drive-through to our drainage system, with Kizer supporting the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Millpond & Dam:

- H. Petersen reported that the muck tablets have been received and Dosch will handle them.

Parks & Recreation:

- **Park Ordinance** – discussed earlier.

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:

- **Furnace Bids for Police/Fire Station** – **Stilson will call the vendor.**
- **Cleanup Day for the Village** – Workers for the June 13 cleanup will be H. Petersen, Teresa Havens, Walt Dosch and Paul Block. H. Petersen stated that the scrap metal will be put aside and someone will take it to recycling and the Village will obtain the monies.

Health & Safety: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **War Memorial** – already discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stilson, Clerk
Village of Morley