

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

**MINUTES**

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

July 13, 2020

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 7:02 PM by President Petersen

**Present:** Henry Petersen, President; Serine Petersen, Trustee; Teresa Havens, Trustee; Paul Block, 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), Andrew Duddles (Police), Walt Dosch (maintenance), Janet Dosch, Bill Larson, Brianna Cole, Ron Irwin, Rebecca Duddles, Nicole Duddles, Laura Duddles, Roger and Caroline Cole.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS:**

- Bill Larson spoke of his candidacy for Mecosta County Road Commission.
- Stilson asked about the new Executive Order mandating masks in public places.
  - o Christensen responded that it is not a law. Refer people to the Attorney General. Businesses are privately owned, and they can refuse customer entry.
  - o Stilson responded that she wanted the Council to tell her what she needs to do about people coming into the Village Hall.
  - o Kizer stated that Stilson can put up a sign on the door saying masks are required and if people come in without them, that's okay.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

- Havens – Body Cams and Firearms purchase
- Stilson – Household Hazardous Waste Support

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration & Finance:**

- **Millage information** – Stilson reported she has talked with MML and they referred her to the 4<sup>th</sup> Section of the General Law Village book. Morley is at their maximum 12.5 mills for General Operating funds, but we could add up to 5 mills for Streets which would be restricted to Streets. She will continue searching for the process.
- **Audit** – Stilson reported everything went well at the July 6 audit.
- **Bank Interest** – Stilson reported that Chemical Bank has decreased their interest rate for our accounts to .01%. Eight months ago, our general fund was receiving 1.16%. She has talked with the Morley Credit Union and they say they are giving .05% and suggested putting some of our accounts into money markets which are giving more. This subject was tabled until next month.
- **Geocache at Latimer Park** – consensus of the Council was to allow the geocache.
- **COVID19 Grants** – consensus of the Council was that we aren't eligible.
- **Sale of 6<sup>th</sup> Street Property** – H. Petersen stated that he will find out what the land's worth (approximately ½ acre) and report back next month.

**Police, Fire & Rescue:**

- **Body Cams and Firearms Purchase** – Havens reported that Christensen would like body cams for the Police Department. They would cost less than \$500 for the cameras and setup. They would only need to keep the video for 30 days. She is developing a body cam policy and will bring it next month. Havens also requested another firearm purchase. Christensen had to go to Lansing to purchase one because, at this time, firearms are hard to find. The firearm cost is \$392.45 and holster \$89.04. Duddles will be having his firearms training on July 18. She furthered that Duddles also needs a psych evaluation and physical which will be divided between Barryton and the Village of

Morley. Our half will be \$427.50. **Kizer motioned to allow the Police Department to spend up to \$1500 to cover the foretated expenses with Jusino's support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Citations** – Christensen reported that he gave two citations concerning blight. One is making headway but the other the Village may need to take back to court. The Village is losing money on that because it costs us more to take them to court than the Court will fine them. Another issue has been the fireworks complaints. Havens will put on Facebook and the website that a definite address is needed when complaints are made.
- **Police Officer approval** – **Havens motioned to hire Andrew Duddles as a Morley policeman and Kizer supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Roll call vote: Yes –S. Petersen, H. Petersen, Block, Havens, Jusino, Kizer. Duddles was sworn in by Stilson.

#### Streets & Sidewalk:

- **Drain Grant update** – Stilson reported making several calls to the engineer and MEDC who awarded the grants and we can assume we weren't chosen.
- **Reith Riley Pavement** – Pavement has been completed but H. Petersen stated Reith Riley will be brought back to discuss the gravel which wasn't done as specified.
- **Street Ordinance** – tabled until next meeting.
- **Village Parking Lot and Dam Parking Lot** – H. Petersen presented a bid from the Driveway Doctor. Bids were \$4,400 for the Village Parking Lot and \$750 for the Dam (Clyde Clark Park) Parking Lot. **Havens motioned to approve the \$5,150 for the two parking lots with S. Petersen's support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Events & Festivals: None.

#### Millpond & Dam:

- Jusino reported there is still no word on when the dam inspection will be done; he and Dosch will be painting numbers the following day; and the pond treatment will be done on July 14.

Parks & Recreation: None.

#### Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:

- **Furnace Police/Fire Station** – in process of being completed.
- **Cleanup Day for the Village** – H. Petersen said the cleanup went well but the two worst offenders did not participate. Two dumpsters were filled.
  - Christensen thought a later time of the day would be better for citizens.
- **Trash service contract** – Stilson stated that the Republic contract ends this winter. H. Petersen will contact Republic Services.

Health & Safety: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

- Ron Irwin stated that 4<sup>th</sup> Street traffic has been going much faster than the 35 mph speed limit and is hoping the police can patrol more. H. Petersen added that the Village does have a huge problem with speeders. Irwin continued that the dam is in need of repair and thanked Dosch for all the work he has been doing in the Village. Irwin added that Chad Waldo needs to be consulted about the concern with the gravel along the new street paving and that 5<sup>th</sup> and Webster has a bad radius. H. Petersen responded that posts and rope will train people at the newly constructed corner (5<sup>th</sup> and Webster).
- **Household Hazardous Waste Support** – **Kizer motioned to contribute the \$100 (Mecosta Conservation Dist.) for the Household Hazardous Waste program. Havens supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Stilson, Village of Morley Clerk