

Morley Village Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

189 S Cass St (Village Hall)

September 14, 2020

APPROVED MINUTES

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

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

Absent: Serine Petersen, Trustee.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MATTERS AND COMMENTS: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Stilson added “Body Cam Policy”.

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, Jusino, Kizer.

- H. Petersen stated that Reith Riley said there is nothing they can do to fix several spots on the 5th & 6th Street pavement that are not done as quoted. This has been a good lesson and next time someone will walk around with them before they pave.

Police – Christensen stated:

- New policeman, Kasey Metcalf, began working for the Village.
- Street Ordinance 11-02 needs another section: “Section 1:7 Vehicles that are in violation of this ordinance shall be removed by the Village Police Officer. Morley Village Police Department shall request ‘Weeks Towing’ for all snow removals, if ‘Weeks Towing’ is not available, then the Village Officer shall request the next non-preference towing company available in the County. All vehicles towed shall be placed with a hold until the registered owner is cited under this ordinance. Once the registered owner is cited the hold on the vehicle shall be released.” **Block motioned to accept this Section in Ordinance 11-02 with Jusino’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- Christensen furthered that vehicle owners will not get warnings before their vehicle is towed.
 - o Kizer stated it should be stated in our October newsletter that no warnings will be given before towing.
- Body Cam Policy distributed needs more verbiage. The Police Department will need another hard drive. One body cam would probably work for now and purchase another if needed later.
- Still waiting for the courts to open to start prosecuting for blight.
- Village of Barryton has been discussing disbanding. If they disband, the Village could approach Mark Solis to process the salvage vehicles under us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

- **Sale of 6th Street Property** – H. Petersen is still waiting for the surveyor.
- **King & King Contract Renewal** – Stilson presented a proposal from another company which was higher than King & King. **Kizer motioned to approve the three-year contract with King & King with Block’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Various licensing ordinances** – **Block motioned to rescind the ordinances concerning licensing (Nos. 1, 2, 3, 9, 32, 35, and 36) with Jusino’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Appoint President Pro Tem** – H. Petersen appointed Linda Kizer to complete the year as President Pro Tem.
- **New Committee Chairs** – H. Petersen appointed Paul Block as the new Chair of Police, Fire & Rescue.

- **Coronavirus grant** - Discussion was given. Stilson is still researching how the grant can be spent but acceptance needs to be to the State by September 23. Any monies not spent by December 31, 2020 will need to be returned. **Jusino motioned to accept the Coronavirus grant monies of \$1,941 with Kizer’s support. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Police, Fire & Rescue:

- **Fire Advisory Committee meeting** – no one attended in August. Block will attend future meetings.

Streets & Sidewalk:

- **Reith Riley Pavement** – discussed earlier.
- **Street Ordinance** – discussed earlier.
- **Village Parking Lot and Dam Parking Lot** – H. Petersen stated the parking lots are done and the vendor paid but the vendor will still come and paint the lines for the basketball court.
- **Street grant** – Stilson discussed the new State street grant that was awarded to the Village. The Village needs to pay 50% (or more) of the cost for paving the streets. The Local Street account will be quite depleted once this year’s paving bill is paid. She suggested not transferring wages and equipment rental for awhile until the fund earns more money. She discussed this with the auditor, and he said it would be okay to do that but to keep account of what was not transferred. He said the Village could also take a loan from another account and pay it back at a later time. Kizer and Block both thought we should keep transferring the monies and then take a loan next year from one of our other accounts.
 - o **Permission to advertise for bids** – Consensus of the Council was to advertise for bids with the realization the roads will not be paved until 2021.
 - o H. Petersen stated that Williams north of 5th to the Dead-End needs paving and if any monies are leftover, we should do that stretch of road.

Events & Festivals: Kizer stated there will be no Fall Festival. She will contact the Deerfield Church about whether they plan to hold their activities on Halloween. She furthered that she didn’t know about the lighting and Santa ceremony but will still have the lights up on the Gazebo.

Millpond & Dam:

- **Dam Engineering and Repairs** – H. Petersen stated he has not heard anything further from the engineer.
- **Water marks** – Jusino stated he has some of the numbers painted and will complete the task soon.

Parks & Recreation: None.

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:

- **Police/Fire Station Furnace** – completed and the inspection was passed. H. Petersen said he still needs a couple issues fixed before the final payment.

Health & Safety: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Walt Dosch stated he would like to donate the aluminum boat that was abandoned. H. Petersen will talk to the family whom people think owns it.

ADJOURNMENT: H. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stilson, Village of Morley Clerk