

Village Of Morley
189 S Cass St
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9th,2026

Approved

Call To Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Austin Korpala, President; Paul Block, Trustee; Chris Blondia, Trustee; Sandra Leal, Trustee; Jim Lewis, Trustee; Serine Petersen, Trustee; Steve Weed, Trustee.

Absent: None

Guests: Chris Mchugh, Dana Myers, Gene Lawler, Patrick Overzet, Faye Graves, Chad Leal, Teresa O'Neil

Pledge of Allegiance: Korpala led in the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Matters and Comments: O'Neil wanted to recommend a grant for TC Energy that is geared towards natural disaster.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Consent Agenda: Weed made a motion to approve the consent agenda with spelling error corrected in February minutes. Block seconded the motion.

New Business: Frisbie from the Morley Stanwood Rocket Football Program asked the council if they would approve the non-profit program to draw a charitable gaming license for their upcoming raffle. Block made a motion to approve. Petersen seconded that motion. Motion passed.

Korpala stated that he would like to apply for Federal funding for the Village of Morley for the amount of 5 million dollars to be used for dredging the pond, Repairs for the dam, and a possible boardwalk. We do not have to send a matching amount for the funding.

Petersen made a motion to approve applying for this funding. Weed supported this motion. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Korpala asked the Council to make a motion to open the Planning Commission public hearing. The Public hearing was open at 7:07pm.

Korpala asked the Council to make a motion to close the Planning Commission hearing. Motion made by Block and supported by Weed.

Korpala asked for a motion to pass the Planning Commission. Motion made by Lewis. Supported by Block. Motion passed.

Village Property. Korpala got a quote from Mid Michigan land survey to survey the property at \$800.00. Includes the alley way that runs East and West and the road right away. The attorney advised Korpala in writing that stated that MCL 260.255A. Land in a subdivision dedicated to the use of the public for purposes other than pedestrian or vehicle travel or land dedicated for a public way which is under the jurisdiction of a municipality, a portion of which public way is within 25 meters of a lake or the general course of a stream, shall not be revised, altered, or vacated except by order of the circuit court in the county in which the land is situated.

Which means the Village cannot do anything with this property as far as vacating without the Circuit Court. We will not be going forward with Vacating it. We are able to vacate the alley with a public hearing following a resolution. The other alley way that runs North and South was deeded to Dale and Leone Louck on October 5th of 1962. This is recorded with the register of deeds. The lawyer also advised Korpala to not sign a Quick claim deed that has been drafted by someone else who put your name on it. He stated this has become a normal standard but it never his recommendation to sign something someone else has drafted.

Regarding the land that the Village owns, laws have changed. You are not able to deed over any property that the Village owns because property is held for the public trust of everyone. So if it benefits one person you cannot do anything with the land except put it up for public option. This would also apply for the MrGrath property. Korpala does not feel like a

survey would be advised at this time. Korpala and the Council agreed that drafting a letter and sending to the homeowners to explain the situation would be the best course of action.

Quotes for new accounting software is currently being tabled. Frisbie is having a difficult time getting simple quotes from software companies.

Website updates are required by law to be compliant by April 2027. The website needs to be ADA Compliant. The website is also not secure. STG will be in charge of the site update. The quote that was given to Korpala was the Gold package at \$1,495.00 which includes full design, ADA compliant, mobile friendly, calendar of events, fillable pdf. It will be \$60 monthly for 9 e-mail accounts at \$540 a year. These will be .gov e-mails and the site will be Mi.gov as well. They provide tech support and training for \$400.00 a year. Start up costs are \$2,435.00 and will be \$940.00 total yearly after.

Lewis made a motion to approve the site renewal. Block supported the motion. Motion passed.

Grading. The county will grade 2 miles. The county is asking that Korpala email how much gravel he will need. Myers said get with Dan to see how many yards we will need. We can bring the gravel in to put down after the county grades it. The Council wants to ensure we are charged fairly for the actual gravel we use as opposed to what they are using for their projects. The council wanted Korpala to ask the County if we can do additional times of grading as well. This will be tabled until Korpala finds out how many times we will need to do the grading and how much gravel they will need.

Committee Reports:

Administration & Finance:

Police Fire & Rescue: Medical runs 12. 3 in Aetna 2 in Village and 2 Mecosta and 5 in Deerfield Township. Gene asked if we can revisit laws for burning in the Village. This was updated in 2020. Open burning is prohibited in the Village of refuse. Leaves need to be under supervision of an adult 18 years of age or older. You do need to view the DNR Website if you are burning. Burning is prohibited on the road right ways, sidewalks or safety paths. The Fire department is authorized to enforce the burning laws. It is a \$250 fine or a 93 day jail sentence if the laws are broken.

Korpala would like to try get jaws of life purchased for the Fire Department. Michelle Lewis is going to petition Aetna township to get the Jaws of life. Korpala stated that the department needs hydrant kits and he will be petitioning the board for the kits. The kits have wrenches, a 95 degree elbow and a gate belt. They can gate the pressure if they are getting too much. Makes things a lot quicker for the team. Korpala will be getting actual prices for the kits at the next meeting.

The fire departments Sign Lighting Ceremony will be March 23rd at 6pm at 620 W. 3rd Street Morley, Mi

Streets and Sidewalks:

Events & Festivals: The event committee will be joining with the Legion to do a Float for memorial day May 25th. On June 13th they will be having the fishing contest. This is for kids and adults. They are looking for donations for this event. This is on Free Fishing day weekend. The Fourth of July has bins around town to collect donations. They are looking to make this years festivities Larger than last years. Blondia will be speaking with a dealer soon regarding fireworks. Blondia said there has been some interest in Fallen Soldier banners so far. The deadline for that is April 1st. There are

flyers out for this at a few different locations.

Millpond & Dam: GEI Consultants have a quote for the dam of \$6,500.00 for a site visit 1.a and \$14,000 for the site design 1.b For a total of 20,500. 2.a Deteriorating Concrete - Site visit at \$6,500. 2.b Deteriorating Concrete - Site Design at \$8,000. 3.a Upstream slope erosion - Site visit at \$3,500. 3.b Upstream slope erosion – Design at \$8,200. 4. Bid Support at \$23,000. 5. Construction Oversight at \$50,000

Korpala is asking to move forward with these beginning stages of work towards dam repair 1.a and 1.b for a total of \$20,500.

Korpala made a motion to approve. Lewis supported the motion. Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation:

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:

Korpala spoke to Vining Volunteers about a Bike repair station that they want to install down on the trail by the gazebo. They want to install an air pump and tools to change tires and bike chains etc. Vining will pay for all materials and installation. Korpala believes that Vining will maintain tools if they are to be damaged or stolen.

Petersen made a motion to approve this. Weed supported the motion. Motion passed.

Mchugh asked who was in charge of mowing for the Fire department. Michelle Lewis stated she believes Aetna pays for that.

Mchugh also asked about playground borders on Amazon. He said they can be around \$1500 for a pallet. Petersen just wants to make sure anything that may be

an option will be ADA compliant. Korpala stated he will bring prices to the next meeting.

Mr. Petersen made a request for basketball hoops to be moved farther apart. Korpala said if we did that we would like to request a grant for it to get new basketball hoops.

Korpala brought to the Council's attention that we do have a large hole in the parking lot that will be repaired after the winter weather completely subsides.

Mchugh wants to know where to place the trees that need to be moved

Health & Safety:

Celebration on the Pond: Myers asked if they could use the possible leftover brine that we have. Tabled until we get more information from the county.

Myers stated that Mom prom is May 9th. Flyers are up for this now. Lickety Split has partnered with Celebration on the Pond. They will be doing a Bump and Run and a lawn mower derby June 20th Father's Day weekend. There will be a full Rodeo June 26th with 2D Rodeo Productions. The car show light parade is July 31st. The Truck Pull will be August 1st. 2D Productions Rodeo wants to have Finals on the grounds at the end of August approximately the 28th. October 31st will be the Trunk or Treat unless changes need to be made for better timing.

COP Report:

Adjournment: Korpala adjourned the meeting at 9:03pm