

Village Of Morley

189 S Cass St

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 9th, 2026

**APPROVED**

Call To Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Korpall

Roll Call:

Present: Austin Korpall, President; Paul Block, Trustee; Chris Blondia, Trustee; Sandra Leal, Trustee; Serine Petersen, Trustee; Steve Weed, Trustee;

Absent: None

Guests: Chris McHugh, Chad Leal, Gene Lawler, Teresa O'Neil, Dana Meyers, Michelle Lewis, Jim Lewis

Pledge of Allegiance: Korpall led in the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Matters and Comments:

Michelle Lewis approached informed the Council that she purchased hanging baskets for the Village to use for their flower baskets in town. She asked that the Village Council allow them to be hung where they normally hang their baskets. Saenz Greenhouse said they would get the flowers started, and the Village would need to pay the whole sale cost of the flowers. The Council agreed with no objection.

Additions to the Agenda:

Korpall added a letter from the Vinning Volunteers to the agenda under new business.

Consent Agenda:

Block made a motion to approve the consent agenda with changes made to the January meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Weed. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote: Yes- Petersen, Leal, Weed, Block, Blondia, Korpall

New Business:

Letters of Intent: Korpall stated that following state law after the resignation from Feliciano he posted that the Village was seeking out Letters of Intent to join the Village Council. The Village received one letter of intent from Jim Lewis. Korpall opened the floor for the council to ask questions of Mr. Lewis who was in attendance. No members had any questions. Korpall asked for a motion. Weed motioned to accept Mr. Lewis to the council, seconded by Blondia.

-Roll Call Vote: Yes- Weed, Block, Blondia, Petersen, Korpall

No- Leal

New Truck Update: Korpall gave the council an update on a new truck to replace the Villages blue dump truck. He reported that Chris was going to look at one, but the seller decided not to sell it. It was discussed further, and Korpall said that he would explore other possibilities for other equipment that the Village could use for multiple purposes.

Schedule Budget Hearing: Korpall informed the Council that the Budget Hearing would be scheduled for March 9th, 2026 @ 6:30PM. Melissa Hammer was instructed to place an ad in the Pioneer.

Clerk Training: After discussion, the consensus was not to send Melissa to the MAMC for training this year. The Council asked her to look into free training online to see what she can learn. Further discussion will happen next year.

Brine Contract: Korpall presented the Brine contract with Mecosta County Road

Commission for 2 Mile to the Council. The Council discussed the contract but before making a decision they asked that Korpall reach out to the Road Commission and explore the possibility of them grading 2 Mile as well.

Food Box: Korpall asked the Council if they would be okay with the Felde family building and donating a food box like the ones that are in Big Rapids. The Village Council said they would like the Food Box to be built between the Village Hall and the Village Police Station. Weed motioned that the Felde family could build the food box between the Village Hall and the Village Police Station. Motion Seconded by Block. Motion Carried.

-Roll Call Vote: Yes – Block, Blondia, Petersen, Leal, Weed, Korpall

Ordering Banner Brackets: The Village of Morley Event's Committee asked Korpall to look into purchasing banner brackets to hang on the Village light poles in front of the businesses and on the pole across the road by the entrance of Kinney Park. The Events Committee would like to hang banners for Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Veterans Day. Korpall presented the cost to purchase the brackets from Amazon at a price of \$741.00. Leal asked Korpall to see if the Morley American Legion would be willing to sponsor the banner brackets as they will be used to display and support our troops. Weed made a motion for tentative approval. Motion seconded by Block. Motion Carried.

-Roll Call Vote: Yes- Blondia, Petersen, Leal, Weed, Block, Korpall

QuickBooks: Frisbie brought attention to the board that the QuickBooks program that is currently in use has never been reconciled right in all the years it has been used. She stated that Auditors had made adjustments to their satisfaction, however this did not correct the books on our end. She suggested that it would be best to archive the existing accounts at the end of this fiscal year and start a new program to make sure that the

accounts are done correctly going forward.

The cost of an update for QuickBooks Desktop with multiple users is \$3,221 yearly.

This includes payroll, Filing W2's, and 941'S. The payroll option can be added monthly for monthly payments for Trustees. Weekly employees: Treasurer, Frisbie, Clerk, Hammer and Maintenance, McHugh would be \$9.99 a month. This has been tabled while options are being explored.

Unfinished Business:

Fire Hydrant System: Korpall informed the Council that Dean's Excavating came out and attempted to locate the leak in the hydrant main along Cass Street by the Community Center but was unable to do so.

Korpall presented the Council with a document to lay out some future options to replace the entire Fire Hydrant System that is nearly 110 years old. He explained that these were some of the options presented to him by the Engineer that the Village has used in the past. This was presented so the Council could take some time to consider the future of fire protection in the Village.

Planning Commission Ordinance: Korpall presented the corrected Planning Commission Ordinance from the Village Attorney. After the council reviewed the corrections, it was moved to take this ordinance to the next step and have a public hearing.

Hammer was asked to publish a summary of the ordinance in the Pioneer along with a notice of public hearing during the March 9th meeting at 7:00PM.

Quit Claim Deed: Bill Woolworth dropped off a quit claim deed drafted by Bill Tingley for the undeveloped road right of way at the end of East Street and two alleyways that are also undeveloped that run east and west as well as north and south around one of

his properties. Korpel reported that he found two resolutions pertaining to one of the alleys in question. The alley that runs north and south and the east side of Mr. Woolworth's property was already deeded to the property on the east side of the alley according to a resolution passed by the Village Council in 1962. Korpel also presented concerns that were brought to him by a Village Resident about a sliver of property owned by the Village at the end of the road right-of-way along the bank of the Morley Pond. Petersen expressed that she would like to see a survey done of this property in question before further action is taken by the Village Council. Korpel agreed to that and stated that he would get bids to survey and stake the property.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

Police Fire & Rescue:

Fire Report: Lawler presented his January fire report to the Village Council. Rescue calls 1 call for Aetna township, Highway 3 man hours. Deerfield 4 runs 7 man hours. Village 2 runs at 3 man hours at about \$250 labor. For Fire runs Aetna 1 Highway at 8 man hours. Deerfield 2 calls at 18 hours for structure fires. Mecosta, Austin, and Big Prairie Townships called for mutual aid for 3 structure fires at 41 man hours for total wages of \$1,482.00.

Lawler also reported that on March 23rd the Fire Auxiliary will be holding a sign of lighting to commemorate the new sign at the Fire Department. The Auxiliary will also be holding a pancake breakfast on May 16th

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The Morley Area Fire Department conducted a joint training session with Mecosta Township for water rescue on the Ice. In the future they will be looking at doing more joint

trainings to help build better teamwork and cross train with each other's equipment.

Korpall stated that the joint fire meeting will likely be February 24th, but an email would be sent to confirm that.

Streets & Sidewalks:

Events & Festivals:

Millpond & Dam:

Parks & Recreation:

Building, Grounds, Equipment & Employees:

Maintenance Building Update: Korpall reported that he met with a brick mason regarding the structural integrity of the building to make sure that it would be worth repairing the roof. The brick mason reported that the building was structurally sound and probably wouldn't cost more than \$25,000 to repair the cracks in the bricks and pull everything back together the way it should be.

Korpall asked for a motion to approve a bid from Rao Roofing for \$94,000. After some discussion by the Council, Weed made the motion. Blondia seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

-Roll Call Vote: Yes- Weed, Block, Blondia, Leal, Petersen, Korpall

Health & Safety

Celebration on the Pond

COP Report: COP gave a report about upcoming events and possible events.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Korpall Adjourned the Meeting at 9:23PM