

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville held the 2nd day of August, 2018, at the Town of Eaton Municipal Building, Morrisville, there were:

Present:	Thomas Lane	Deputy Mayor
	Kathleen Roher	Trustee
	Judy Scholefield	Trustee
	Michael Higgins	Trustee
	James Stokes	Attorney
	Amy Will	Clerk-Treasurer

Absent: Mark Shepard Mayor

Others: Doug Petroff, resident; Janet Oley, Deputy Clerk; Jim and Dan Cunningham, wastewater treatment plant operators.

Deputy Mayor Lane opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the July 12, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Roher made a motion to adopt the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Higgins, all ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Mr. Petroff indicated that he would like to raise four chickens (no roosters) on his Skyline Drive property. This activity is currently prohibited by village code and he requested that the board consider revising this. Mr. Petroff said there is a movement for sustainable gardening and husbandry in villages and suburban areas. He would like to have a small hutch to take care of insects and pests in the garden, and to provide eggs and meat. He provided the board with information for review. Deputy Mayor Lane asked if Mr. Petroff has spoken with his neighbors regarding this. He indicated he has not. Trustee Scholefield asked how much property Mr. Petroff owns; he responded almost two acres. Deputy Mayor Lane thanked Mr. Petroff for the information he provided and said the board would take this into consideration. Mr. Petroff indicated he would attend the September meeting with a proposal for the board to review.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Sutton submitted a written report for review.

Department of Public Works: The board was provided with three quotes to replace the roof of the village office. Mrs. Will noted the quote from Ralph Colvin has been withdrawn as of today. After discussion the board decided to contact one or more contractors to obtain additional quotes.

The board was advised that during a construction project undertaken by Morrisville State College, South Street incurred damage. A hole was drilled in the center of the southbound lane and approximately two feet of the paved edge is collapsing near the underground bore site. The college and their engineer were previously advised that the street pavement was not to be disturbed during their construction project. As such, a letter was issued to the college indicating that the village will have the damage repaired by a contractor of our choosing, with the cost to be invoiced to them.

Waste Water Treatment Plant: Mr. Cunningham provided a power point presentation regarding plant operations.

Planning/Zoning Board: Trustee Scholefield noted that the Planning Board will meet next week to consider two applications for a sign permit.

The board reviewed an email from Michael Bischoff expressing interest in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Roher made a motion to appoint Michael Bischoff to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring 6/30/2020, seconded by Trustee Scholefield, all ayes. Motion carried.

Youth Commission: Trustee Roher said they are looking into creating an Optimists Club as they want the kids to participate in a competitive basketball league, as well as to expand on programs and opportunities. Attorney Stokes

noted that the youth commission and the Optimists Club are two distinctly different organizations. He strongly recommended that different parents serve the Optimists Club. Trustee Roher said they are also looking into establishing a summer recreation program. Trustee Lane said this should definitely be considered as they are currently only offering two summer trips and the kids are getting gyped. He said there should also be focus on engaging lower income children who would otherwise not be able to participate; this could be the highlight of their summer.

Sheriff's Department: Trustee Higgins will make contact regarding the schedule for the Morrisville Patrol.

Campus/Community Committee: Trustee Roher said they will meet this month to determine the plan for the future and what the college contribution will be.

Trustee Report: Trustee Higgins participated in a focus group regarding walkability of the village. He suggested that establishing a creek walk could be beneficial to the village. It could follow Callahan Brook along the property of Emily Marshall, the village and Morrisville State College. At this meeting there was mention that the college may give their nature trails some attention and make them passable again. A creek walk could potentially begin at Route 20 and connect to the college property. Mr. Higgins noted that the village, college and school district should come together for this project. Trustee Higgins will research how others fund and maintain projects such as this.

The board was provided with a letter from Madison County Emergency Management regarding the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan, which included a copy of the village's hazard mitigation plan. The county is looking for the village to adopt this. The plan was posted to the village's website and notice of such will be included in the next newsletter in an effort to garner public comment before adoption.

Clerk-Treasurer Report: The board was provided financial reports detailing income and expenditures to date by fund.

The board was provided with the cost/benefit analysis for LED streetlight conversion prepared by CNY Regional Planning Board. Amanda Mazzoni will attend the September board meeting to discuss. Mrs. Will requested that the board review and submit questions in advance so Ms. Mazzoni is adequately prepared for the meeting.

The board reviewed an email from Eric Faisst of Union Street regarding a woodchuck issue. The board discussed his concerns and determined it would be up to individual property owners to address the problem. The board will ask Mr. Sutton to contact a particular property owner regarding a shed where there appears to be a number of woodchucks residing.

The board reviewed a letter from Christine Selinsky of 17 Mill Street which requested an adjustment to her water/sewer bill. Ms. Selinsky noted that she filled her swimming pool twice this summer and requested an adjustment to the operation and maintenance portion of the bill. Mrs. Will provided the account summary and average consumption for the prior four quarters. Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing an adjustment to the operation and maintenance portion of the water/sewer bill for Christine Selinsky (Account 000490) in the amount of \$133.21, seconded by Trustee Scholefield, all ayes. Motion carried.

The board reviewed a letter from Doug and Kim Austin of 19 Mill Street which requested an adjustment to their water/sewer bill due to a substantial water leak earlier this year. Mrs. Will provided the account summary and average consumption for the prior four quarters. Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing an adjustment to the operation and maintenance portion of the water/sewer bill for Doug and Kim Austin (Account 000495) in the amount of \$288.03, seconded by Trustee Higgins, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Will advised the board that the pole mounted holiday decorations were recently received. After delivery it was determined that we were sent decorations without the three center lit candles as ordered. The board reviewed an email from Michael Desorbo of Downtown Decorations, Inc. regarding this, which included a photo of the decoration received. A refund of \$650.00 was offered if the village would consider keeping the wreaths as delivered.

Trustee Higgins made a motion to accept the decorations as delivered in consideration of a refund in the amount of \$650.00, seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Will advised the board that she received an offer from Joel Marshall in the amount of \$75.00 for the utility locator and \$125.00 for the 26 pole mounted holiday decorations. These items were previously declared surplus and were to be offered for sale. After consideration, Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing the sale of the Metrotech utility locator in the amount of \$75.00 and twenty six pole mounted holiday decorations in the amount of \$125.00 to Joel Marshall, seconded by Trustee Higgins, all ayes. Motion carried.

Each member of the board reviewed all vouchers presented. Trustee Roher made a motion to pay audited vouchers as indicated below, seconded by Trustee Higgins, all ayes. Motion carried.

General Fund – Vouchers 35-52
Water Fund – Vouchers 7-9

Waste Water Operation & Maintenance Fund – Vouchers 9-13
Youth Commission - Vouchers 4-6

Deputy Mayor Lane made a motion to go into executive session at 8:36 p.m. for attorney-client privilege, seconded by Trustee Higgins, all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Roher made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:27 p.m., seconded by Trustee Scholefield, all ayes. Motion carried. No action was taken in executive session.

With no further business before the board, Trustee Roher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Higgins, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Will
Village Clerk-Treasurer