

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville held the 7th day of February, 2019, at the Town of Eaton Municipal Offices, Cedar Street, Morrisville, there were:

Present:	Mark Shepard	Mayor
	Thomas Lane	Trustee
	Kathleen Roher	Trustee
	Michael Higgins	Trustee
	Judy Scholefield	Trustee
	Amy Will	Clerk-Treasurer

Others: James Scholefield, Tracy Scholefield, Joe Giusti, residents; Dave Andrews, area resident; Greg Molloy, MECS Superintendent; and Janet Oley, Deputy Clerk.

Mayor Shepard opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the January 3, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Lane made a motion to adopt the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Scholefield, all ayes. Motion carried.

School Safety: Superintendent Molloy said that student safety is the number one priority of the MECS district. He discussed the opportunity to place a special patrol officer in the school(s) because of a cooperative agreement with Madison County. The special patrol officer would be a retired, armed officer who would arrive before kids and stay until they have left for the day. Superintendent Molloy discussed the need for such an officer and how the village might benefit by cosponsoring this. He noted that the total cost is \$37,000 per officer, with Madison County paying the first \$18,000 of each. The burden is on the district to come up with the balance. Superintendent Molloy said police officers in schools save lives. He continued that they cannot fund the program without municipal support and is requesting \$2,500 per officer, per year for a total of \$5,000. He requested \$1,000 for the remainder of the current school year. He noted that the special patrol officer would be able to leave the school and respond to a community crisis. Trustee Scholefield asked when this program would begin. Superintendent Molloy responded that they have a contract and are waiting for the school board to approve it this month. He said they would like one officer to finish the current school year and then have two at the start of the next school year. Trustee Roher asked whether this officer would provide educational activities. Superintendent Molloy responded that he believes they would, however the officer's primary role is to enforce the law. Trustee Higgins questioned how officer absenteeism will be handled and what will happen if an officer doesn't show up. Superintendent Molloy said a provision will be included in the contract that every effort will be made to replace an officer if someone is out sick. If they can't provide a replacement, they will issue a refund to the district for the hours that are missed. They plan to have substitutes available. Trustee Higgins said this is a great idea, and he fully supports it, however he just doesn't know how the Sheriff's Department will get people to fill these jobs. He noted our issue with finding coverage which resulted in going to a neighboring village police force for court protection. Superintendent Molloy said the Undersheriff has indicated that they have found some good people for the positions open. Trustee Higgins reiterated that we need confirmation of how reimbursement will be handled if an officer is not there. He believes it's important to have the discussion now so when there is only an officer at the school three days a week, it's understood that would not be acceptable to this board. Mayor Shepard said the board will take the request into consideration and discuss further with the village attorney.

Public Comment: Mayor Shepard addressed Tracy Scholefield and Joe Giusti regarding their food truck request from last month. Mayor Shepard asked for their patience while the board discusses this with the village attorney and said they will have an answer by the March meeting.

Youth Commission: Trustee Roher discussed organizing a summer recreation program. Mayor Shepard suggested sitting down with Trustee Lane to come up with a plan to address this. Trustee Scholefield asked for the status of the inventory of sports equipment. Trustee Roher said it will probably be done in the spring.

Justice Court: Trustee Higgins said things are going well with the Hamilton officer attending DA night. The annual audit will be conducted near the end of our fiscal year.

Sheriff Department: Trustee Higgins assessed our request for coverage compared to actual coverage provided for the prior fall semester. He noted that out of 27 days we had coverage on 9, and two of those days were not requested by the village. Trustee Higgins added that the village had protection 33% of the time and we've paid approximately \$3,525 so far this year. He suggested the board take this into consideration during budget discussions.

Campus/Community Committee: Trustee Roher said they will not host a WinterFest this year due to the inability to pull something together with the college. She said the next event is the annual Easter egg hunt.

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

Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing the solicitation of bids for a DPW pickup truck, seconded by Trustee Lane, all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Scholefield made a motion to authorize the solicitation of bids for the provision of garbage and recyclable collection, with bids to be opened at 3:00 p.m. on February 27, 2019, seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried.

The board reviewed a request for reimbursement from Judge Whitney. The total request is \$306.06, however Judge Whitney did not maintain records to determine whether the expense is for the town or village court. Mayor Shepard made a motion authorizing reimbursement to Judge Whitney in the amount of \$153.03, representing half the requested amount, seconded by Trustee Lane, all ayes. Motion carried. Judge Whitney to be advised to separate costs between the town and village and to seek reimbursement for the balance of this request from the Town of Eaton.

Mrs. Will advised the board of a malfunctioning water meter at 87 East Main Street. The usage for October through December was 18,172 cubic feet, resulting in a total bill of \$1,432.73. This usage is highly unusual for this location so the meter was read two additional times. Both of those readings showed the meter going backward. A third read showed that the meter stopped working altogether and it was replaced. Based on historical usage, Mrs. Will recommended adjusting the bill to reflect usage of 2,150 cubic feet for the quarter. Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing a credit to Account 000730 for the water portion in the amount of \$304.42 and a credit to the O&M portion in the amount of \$881.21, seconded by Trustee Scholefield, all ayes. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the request of Bill Parry for an adjustment to the water/sewer bill at 2 East Main Street. Mayor Shepard made a motion to deny the request because both the water and wastewater were treated, seconded by Trustee Lane, all ayes. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the request of Kevin Bailey for an adjustment to the water/sewer bill at 66 East Main Street. Based on historical usage for this location, Mrs. Will suggested a credit to the O&M portion of the bill of 781 cubic feet. Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing a credit to Account 000785 for the operation and maintenance portion of the bill in the amount of \$42.95, seconded by Trustee Scholefield, all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing the following budget transfer A1490.13 (DPW Overtime) \$750.00 from A9030.8 (Workers Compensation) and F8210.44 (Water Contractual) \$250.00 from F1990.91 (Water Contingency), seconded by Trustee Lane, all ayes. Motion carried.

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

General Fund – Vouchers 197-228
Water Fund – Vouchers 43-49

Waste Water Operation & Maintenance Fund – Vouchers 42-49

With no further business before the board, Mayor Shepard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m., seconded by Trustee Lane, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Will
Village Clerk-Treasurer