

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville held the 7th day of June, 2016, at the Town of Eaton Offices, Cedar Street, Morrisville, there were:

Present:	Mark Shepard	Mayor
	Margaret Brody	Trustee
	Emily Marshall	Trustee
	Kathleen Roher	Trustee
	Allen Noel	Trustee
	James Stokes	Attorney
	Amy Will	Clerk-Treasurer

Others: Connie Shepard, Joe Giusti, Tracey Scholefield, Charlie Bostic, Jim & Judy Scholefield, residents; Debbie SeGuin, Betty Clark and Katie Wood on behalf of Live Well Madison County.

Mayor Shepard opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the May 5, 2016 and June 2, 2016 meetings were reviewed. Trustee Roher made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

Live Well Madison County Presentation: Debbie SeGuin addressed the board regarding the Live Well Madison County committee, which has agreed to adopt the Monday Mile program. Walking trails are being proposed around Madison County, including the Village of Morrisville.

Katie Wood introduced herself as a graduate student with an internship at the Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion at Syracuse University. She explained that the Monday Mile is part of the “Move it Monday” campaign, which was implemented in Onondaga County in 2012. This is a fun way to motivate people to be physically active. Ms. Wood indicated there are 17 marked one mile routes around Onondaga County.

The program is being proposed in Madison County because of the higher youth and adult obesity rates here and because it’s an easy way to get communities moving. Madison County Rural Health Council and Live Well Madison County have been working together on this project. Ms. Wood said there are several locations being considered in Madison County, including Stockbridge, Canastota, Madison, Oneida, DeRuyter, and Cazenovia. They are currently focusing on Morrisville, Canastota, and Stockbridge and hope to implement trails this summer.

Ms. Wood said that the Lerner Center is providing the funding for signage. Trustee Noel suggested that there be a trail both in the village and on the Morrisville College campus. Ms. SeGuin said they hope to have one on campus as well, but are starting with the village. She continued that they have marked out a trail in the village which they think will be workable in terms of accessibility, will bring people into village, is easy to follow, etc. Ms. Clark said the proposed route would begin at the Cooperative Extension building, head north on Eaton Street, turning onto East Maple Avenue, then Union Street, onto Main Street heading west toward the traffic light, then back up Eaton Street to the starting point. They are considering placing 10 signs along the route as a mile marker of sort and to identify where to turn. Mayor Shepard questioned the size of the proposed signs. The exact size is unknown at this point, but they will likely be a bit larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Ms. Wood will obtain the exact dimensions. Ms. SeGuin indicated they may be able to modify the plan so there are a few less signs.

Mayor Shepard asked who erected the signs in Onondaga County; Ms. Wood indicated it was her organization who did so. Trustee Marshall questioned what the village is obligated to do and what our liability would be. Ms. Wood was unsure about liability. Attorney Stokes said that a sidewalk survey should be done to ensure there are no obvious defects. He added that if the village sponsors this and promotes a particular trail, we have a responsibility to make sure the route is safe. Trustee Brody questioned whether we should walk the route and ask property owners what they think. Mr. Giusti said he thinks this is a good idea, but he’s not interested if it will require him to fix his sidewalk or if they will be liable for any injuries in front of their home. Attorney Stokes noted that the sidewalks are technically public. If a sidewalk is bad, we should be replacing it regardless of this program. Trustee Noel made a motion to move forward with establishing a walking route for the Monday Mile Program, pending examination of the proposed route and speaking with property owners, seconded by Trustee Brody, all ayes. Motion carried.

Attorney Stokes clarified that by speaking with property owners it will be in regard to remedying any defective sidewalks.

Code Enforcement Report: Mr. Sutton provided a written report for review. Trustee Roher said that she's received numerous complaints regarding cars being parked on lawns, particularly on Cedar Street. She questioned whether people were notified or ticketed, and whose responsibility this is. Attorney Stokes said this is a code enforcement issue and Mr. Sutton should be notifying them.

DPW Report: Mrs. Will advised the board that the replacement pump for the waste water lift station which was authorized to be purchased last month cost approximately \$100 more than the estimate due to shipping costs. Trustee Marshall made a motion to amend the authorization to purchase a replacement pump for the lift station to a cost not to exceed \$3,930.38, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

Historic Preservation Commission: Mayor Shepard indicated that the commission met last month and there was a lengthy discussion regarding designated homes and their inability to be removed. The concern is that when a home is sold, the new owner should be notified of the historic designation so they can obtain information regarding what that means.

Public Comment: Mr. Giusti thanked the board for the recent enactment of a local law to regulate rooming houses. He said it was well written and appreciates that the board took the time to address this issue. He questioned how the village will handle enforcement and what responsibility property owners have to notify the village of issues. Mayor Shepard suggested that property owners continue to advise the office of any concerns they have. Mr. Giusti advised the board of a problem they had last week with the tenants at 12 Union Street shooting woodchucks in the backyard. The state police investigated this matter. Mr. Giusti noted his continued concern with unmonitored fires at this property as well. He said he will leave for work in the morning and the fire is still smoldering. He returns from work at the end of the day to find the same thing, then the tenants throw furniture on to rekindle the fire. Mr. Giusti also questioned the requirement to conceal dumpsters. He asked if the dumpster at 12 Union Street would be fenced in. Attorney Stokes said it should be screened. Mayor Shepard will speak to the code enforcement officer regarding this.

Mr. Giusti said that there are multiple sofas and other furniture on the front porch at 12 Union Street. He said this is not pleasurable to look at and asked if something could be done about that. Mayor Shepard said he was unsure whether our local law addresses this but will check into it.

Mr. Scholefield said they've lived in the village for two years now and the students are becoming a menace. He said they are dealing with loud, boisterous talking outside their home at 3:00 a.m. He noted that even with the windows closed it still wakes them up; Mr. Scholefield said this is totally unacceptable. There was an incident where they did call 911 and were told that there wasn't an officer in the area but as soon as someone became available they would be sent. Mr. Scholefield said they never saw anyone. Mayor Shepard suggested that if they have a situation like this again to advise the village office so we can speak to law enforcement and determine how to rectify this. Mr. Giusti said they had a similar situation where there was a large party occurring on Union Street and the police drove through the students and didn't stop or do anything to control it.

Judy Scholefield questioned whether we could ask the college to meet with students living off campus and review the rules with them. Mayor Shepard said this might be worth speaking to President Rogers about. Mr. Giusti suggested that representatives of the college attend a meeting with village residents who are experiencing problems to advise them of how this is tearing up the community.

Mr. Giusti asked whether the applications to operate a rooming house are accessible to the public. Attorney Stokes indicated they are and would be available for review upon submission of a FOIL request.

Attorney Report: Attorney Stokes indicated that he is working on the local law to establish a tree commission. He will email that to the board for review.

Trustee Report: Trustee Roher said that there is a group of adults forming a bocce ball league of sorts. The idea is to meet once a week at the elementary school and play. In order to use the school fields, they require a certificate of insurance. Trustee Roher said she would like this activity to be covered under the village's insurance policy. Attorney Stokes stated that this would need to be sponsored by the village. Trustee Marshall asked who is going to head this up. Trustee Roher indicated Jennifer Caloia. Mayor Shepard suggested that we contact Mang Insurance and see what they have to say.

Mayor's Report: Trustee Noel made a motion to appoint Kathleen McGinn to the part time position of groundskeeper at a rate of \$10.00 per hour, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Roher advised the board that she met with a student from Colgate University who is interning at the county Planning Department this summer. The intern is working on our grocery store issue and is considering a survey for residents to complete. Trustee Roher suggested that she put something together to give out during the upcoming village election. She also suggested some kind of public meeting to share ideas. Trustee Marshall suggested that a door to door survey be conducted, or have one person per street volunteer to obtain surveys. Tracey Scholefield suggested sending the survey with the water bill.

Mayor Shepard indicated that he and Supervisor Moses recently met with President Rogers of Morrisville State College. The group discussed the status of the Big M property, the rooming house law that was enacted and the various projects we are collaborating with the college on.

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

Mrs. Will contacted Professor Livengood of Morrisville State College and requested an update regarding the village lot between Union and Eaton Streets. Professor Livengood indicates she will pursue this project in the fall.

Trustee Noel made a motion to adopt Resolution 16-13, seconded by Trustee Marshall, all ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-13
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE FOR WHICH
WATER AND SEWER BILLS SHALL BE ISSUED**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville, pursuant to the authority granted under subsection (C) of section 176-18 and section 149-40 of the Code of the Village of Morrisville, that, effective June 1, 2016, water and sewer bills shall be issued on a quarterly basis on or about the 15th day of the months of January, March, July, and October.

Trustee Noel made a motion authorizing the following budget transfers for fiscal year 2015-2016 A1110.1 Justice Personal Service \$470.00 from A1110.4 Justice Contractual; A1110.11 Court Clerk Personal Service \$170.00 from A1110.4 Justice Contractual; A1410.11 Clerk-Treasurer Personal Service \$400.00 from A1410.13 Clerk Overtime; A1410.12 Deputy Clerk Personal Service \$340.00 from A1410.13 Clerk Overtime; A1490.11 DPW Supervisor Personal Service \$700.00 from A1490.13 DPW Overtime; A1490.12 Heavy Equip Operator Personal Service \$600.00 A1490.13 DPW Overtime; A3320.1 Parking Enforcer Personal Service \$130.00 from A3320.41 Parking Signs; A3620.4 Safety Inspections Contractual \$831.98 from A3620.1 Code Enforcer Personal Service; A3620.2 Safety Inspections Equipment \$313.98 from A3620.1 Code Enforcer Personal Service; A5110.43 Equipment Maintenance \$300.00 from A5110.2 Equipment; A5110.4 Grease Extraction \$1,200.00 from A5110.2 Equipment; A7310.4 Youth Commission Insurance \$278.00 from A7310.4 Youth Commission Program Expense; A8510.24 Seasonal Decorations \$2,000.00 from A1990.4 Contingency; F8310.11 DPW Superintendent Personal Service \$410.00 from F8310.13 Overtime; F810.11 DPW Employee Personal Service \$345.00 from F8310.13 Overtime; F8310.12 Clerk Treasurer Personal Service \$225.00 from F8310.13 Overtime; F8310.12 Deputy Clerk Personal

Service \$200.00 from F8310.13 Overtime; G8110.12 DPW Superintendent Personal Service \$60.00 from G9010.8 Retirement; G8110.13 DPW Equipment Operator Personal Service \$50.00 from G9010.8 Retirement; and G8110.14 Clerk-Treasurer Personal Service \$75.00 from G9010.8 Retirement, seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Noel made a motion to close the books for fiscal year 2015-2016 and pay all outstanding claims, seconded by Trustee Roher. Roll call vote as follows: Trustee Noel, aye; Trustee Roher, aye; Mayor Shepard, aye; Trustee Brody, aye; Trustee Marshall, aye. 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 Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

General – Vouchers 274-302 and 1-4

Water Fund – Vouchers 68-73

Waste Water Operation & Maintenance Fund – Vouchers 70-78

With no further business before the board, Trustee Noel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m., seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Will
Clerk-Treasurer