

MORTON AREA NEWSLETTER

August, 2017

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31st Annual Morton Open Scores (August 5, 2017)

Total

6A THOMAS MINKEL, JES MEEKER, GABE PRESCOTT, REEBA KIECKER	31	31	62	1
5A TOM OCHS, DICK BOWER, MAX RIEBL, JENNA REBSTOCK	31	31	62	2
13A ZAK PENDLETON, TRAVIS BAVIER, GERRY BROWN, JACKIE REBSTOCK	32	31	63	3
9A JOE REBSTOCK, BILL SHAW, CHUCK ROBINSON, CHAR KOERNER	33	31	64	4
3A TYLER PENDLETON, BETTY BENNETT, RICK ANDREEN, LEON GREENSLIT	33	33	66	5
14B ANDREW SIMMONS, ANDY JACOBY, ERIC MYERS, GARY SIMONDET	32	34	66	6
5B PETE NEZ, KEN RIEKE, AMY PENDLETON, JEFF SIMMONS	32	34	66	7
1A HEPI ROBERTSON, ANNA RIEBL, CURT SERBUS, JARED HAAS	34	32	66	8
17B QUADE KOERNER, SHAYNE JOHNSON, JUSTIN BOWER, MARY OLSON	31	35	66	9
18B SHELLY FRANZ, TIM PRAHL, ROGER WAHL DICK, MIKE WEILAGE	34	32	66	10
4B BILL BIDINGER, KEEGAN MAMMEN, TODD BERAN, ADAM GABOIS	35	31	66	
13B JOE KUGLIN, CHUCK CRAIN, ANDY FRANK, BETH RIEBL	32	34	66	
7A AARON FERRIER, BILL SIMMONS, KEVIN O'KEEFE, KARA PRESCOTT	32	35	67	
8A MIKE BENNETT, LARRY SCHWANN SR., STEVE RIEBL, NANCY BILLMEIER	35	32	67	
8B RYAN REBSTOCK, DONNA FLYNN, JIM KOERNER, PETER BROWN	34	33	67	
12A LOGAN SCHWANN, TYLER CRAIN, BRANDON SOUPIR, RICK O'NEIL	34	33	67	
17A JESSE KODET, STEVE WOHNOUTKA, MARK POSS, ERIC LINSMEIER	33	34	67	
3B NICK BARNES, MIKE LAMEBULL, JOE SIMMONS, JACK GREENSLIT	33	35	68	
15A TAYLOR HENGEL, LOU OCHS, DON KODET, TRICIA KOERNER	34	34	68	
7B TIM ARRENDONDO, DAVE TRIBBLE, BILL NEIS, KRIS BERAN	34	35	69	
10A DEAN HENGEL, TROY SIMMONS, JOHN H. REYNOLDS, MIKE RASMUSSEN	34	35	69	
18A MYRON RAINEY, STEVE SINDELIR, STAN ABBAS, LEANN PRESCOTT	34	35	69	
1B BRIAN PENDLETON, MARY ANDREEN, BRIAN MC CORQUODALE, JENNY KOERNER	34	36	70	
4A BRANDON SIMMONS, DICK REBSTOCK, PEACH HENNEN, AVIE GREENSLIT	36	34	70	
6B JOE PROBST, GLENN FISCHER, JUDY SINDELIR, TOM ROBINSON	36	34	70	
11A NICK FRANK, ERIC MADSEN, AMY ARRENDONDO, KEN LANGSETH	35	35	70	
19A SCOTT KODET, TROY MUDE, JOE GRESCH, AL LEITH	34	36	70	
9B DAN BENNETT, JOHN KOERNER, KEVIN KOCH, MARK FRANK	33	38	71	
19B JEREMY SCHILLER, NATE JOHANNSEN, RAY MUNSSELL JOHN ROBINSON	35	36	71	
2A MATO, MEANS, ANTHONY FRANK, JAKE BRUNS, DENNY ROPER	35	37	72	
10B SHAY ALLRUNNER, SHAWN DOLEZAL, DRE ARRENDONDO, JOREY PRESCOTT	37	35	72	
14A JOHN SEEHAUSEN, BRAD BOGIE, DAVE MADSEN, HEIDI LINSMEIER	35	37	72	
16A EARL PENDLETON, JEFF WEILAGE, MIKE SIMMONS, KRIS KOERNER	35	37	72	
16B RICK KOERNER, ANN SHAW, GALE WOELFEL, DOUG PENDLETON	36	36	72	
2B JOSH FRANK, BRIAN MARSHALL, PAT SIMMONS, SCOOTER REINHARDT	37	36	73	
11B MIKE WAHL DICK, LINDSEY KODET, JAY RECHTZIGEL, BRIAN GREENSLIT	36	37	73	
12B MARK WAHL DICK, LEVI WATTERSON, PAUL WOHNOUTKA, RANDY PRESCOTT	36	37	73	
15B TIM WOELFEL, RANDY MALAND, MARK SOUPIR, DAVE PRESCOTT	37	36	73	

Attention Veterans!

Lee Stock of
Renville County Veterans' Services is at
Morton City Hall
on the
2nd Tuesday of each month
(or other dates if necessary)
to assist you with any of your veteran
service needs.

Please contact Lee to schedule an
appointment

Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution

The 3rd Tuesday of the month
at the National Guard Armory in Red-
wood Falls

Registration begins at 4:00

Distribution runs from 4:30-6:00
a \$20 cash donation gets you a share
bring 2 laundry baskets for your food
contact rubysredwoodfalls@gmail.com
for information especially those who
want to volunteer.

RENVILLE COUNTY FOOD SHELF

Any resident of Renville County may
visit the

Renville County Food Shelf located on
Main Street in downtown Olivia.*

Hours of Operation

Monday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday 5:00 – 7 p.m.

Friday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Located at 108 S. 9th Street, Olivia, MN
56277

Telephone: 320-523-5339

e-mail: rcfoodshelf@gmail.com

* Bring a current utility bill or other docu-
ment that has your name and street ad-
dress.

The Second Harvest Heartland guideline is
25 lbs . of food per person once a month or
twelve times a year.

If you are doing home projects
and improvements, please
check with city hall to be sure
you are complying with local
requirements.

Women, Infant & Children

Nutrition Program (WIC)

WIC is in Morton on the 3rd
Wednesday every 4 months

from 9:30am-11:30 am at City Hall.

Next visit will be

**Wednesday,
October 4th**

Call 1-800-942-4030
for Information & Details

WIC provides nutrition tips and advice,
support for breastfeeding, healthy foods
such as milk, cheese, juice, cereals and
infant formula, caring and supportive
staff.

You may qualify if you are pregnant,
nursing or have a child under age 5.

ALCOHOLICS

ANONYMOUS

MEETS AT

MORTON CITY HALL

EACH MONDAY

EVENING,

BEGINNING AT

7:00 P.M.

CENTRAL COMMUNITY TRANSIT

The Central Community Transit
serves all of Renville County

Monday . Friday and all your
Transportation needs.

For more information call:

Central Community Transit at:

**320-523-3589 or 1-800-450-
7964**



The official newspaper for the City of Morton is the Renville County Register. All notices and publications as required by law are printed in that paper and as an additional means of providing public information, such notices will be printed in this newsletter when possible. All other publications and postings are done as a courtesy and means of informing residents of activities.

Church Service Schedule

Zion Lutheran

9:00 a.m. Sundays

Bible Study & Sunday school following services

St. John's Catholic

Mass at 8:00 a.m. Sundays

CHURCH SERVICES ARE AIRED ON
MEDIACOM CUSTOMERS'
CHANNEL 8

Tuesdays & Fridays at 10:00 and 1:00

Council Meetings

Next Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

starting at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are aired live on Mediacom's local access channel and again the day following the meeting at noon.

If you are experiencing issues with the broadcast, please contact city hall so improvements and changes can be made.

We will be trying to "go live" on facebook..

Please be patient as we work through this!

CIVIL DEFENSE

SIREN TESTING

Civil Defense sirens are tested each month on the first Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

BONE BUILDERS

Our group meets on Tuesday & Friday at 8:45 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Everyone has a great time, sharing news, joking & laughing. Join us!

Newsletter/Local Access

Information

If you have items you wish to have in the newsletter or posted on the access channel, please drop them off at city hall and we will be happy to include them (at no charge!)

Commercial Tailor

- ⇒ Men's and women's alterations
- ⇒ Mending
- ⇒ Darning socks and
- ⇒ Sweater repairs
- ⇒ Work on some ladies gowns.

Additional charge on rush orders.

Call Lin at 530 1335.

40 years of experience.



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SALOON
Morton, MN.

697-2004

Dine in or take out!

St. Andrew's Fun Fest – Fairfax, MN

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Polka Mass 9:30 – by St. A's Polka Teers

10:30 – 1:00 Deep Fried Chicken Dinner

**BIG CASH Raffle & BIG Wheel, Games, Bingo, Pull
Tabs**

Beer, Lunch Stand, Authentic Mexican Tacos –

10:30 – 4:00

**GARBAGE DAY IS
EACH TUESDAY MORNING**

PLEASE HAVE CONTAINERS AT THE CURB NO LATER THAN
7:00 A.M.

PLEASE ALLOW FOR ADEQUATE ROOM FOR THE ARM OF THE TRUCK TO ATTACH TO YOUR CONTAINER. ALL GARBAGE MUST IN THE CONTAINER AND THE CONTAINER MUST BE ACCESSIBLE.

UPCOMING

CURBSIDE RECYCLING DATES:

August 22,

September 6 & 19

The first pick up in September will be a day late due to the Labor Day Holiday

Have your container at the location of your garbage pick up by 6:00 a.m.

Renville County



**EMPTY PESTICIDE
CONTAINER COLLECTION**

Aug 23, 2017

9am - Noon

What will be accepted:

- Pesticide containers that are High Density Polyethylene Plastic (imprint of HDPE & #2 on bottom)
- All containers must be triple or pressure-rinsed and must be free of pesticide
- Caps, foil seals and labels must be removed
- No mini-bulk containers accepted
- Containers with dirt or other materials stuck to the outside will **NOT** be accepted.

Location:

Renville County Highway Shop

1/2 mile south of Bird Island on County Rd 5

For more information, contact Larry at 320-523-3712

Electronics and Appliance Recycling!!

The first Wednesday of each month April-October:

2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Located behind the Redwood County Museum

***This collection is for Redwood and Renville County Residents ONLY**

FRANKLIN WELLNESS CENTER

OPEN 24/7 FITNESS CENTER

ARE YOU HAVING PROBLEMS WITH DIABETES, HYPERTENSION ,ANXIETY, HIGH CHOLESTEROL,BALANCE PROBLEMS OR DEPRESSION?

THE CENTER CAN HELP SET YOU UP WITH A PLAN TO WORK ON THESE PROBLEMS.....

CALL: 507-430-2191 ASK FOR CONNIE.



River Valley Groom & Spa

HOUSE FOR SALE:

For Sale by Owner

319 Main St. Morton, MN

3 bedroom

1 bath

Hardwood & ceramic tile flooring

Deck on back overlooking park

Comes with fencing for backyard

Attached garage

\$23,000.00

Contact Carl : 507-626-4279



For Sale 2004 Prowler Regal Travel Trailer/Roll Out Awning
33' Bumper to hitch

2 Slides Outs/Awnings

Front Kitchen/Table & Chairs

Couch/makes into bed

Small Rocking Chair

Rear Bedroom/Queen Size Bed

Central Heating/Air

Asking Price \$15,000.00/ Like New..

Please Contact Robert & Janice Haas @ 507-829-0700



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AMENDMENTS TO THE MEETING OF JULY 12: NONE

The following are the NOTES from the most recent council meeting (August 9)

These NOTES have not been approved by the council as of this publication.

Any changes will be noted in the next newsletter.

JULY 26, 2017:

Special meeting called to order in open session at 6:00 p.m. Jorey Prescott absent. Others present: Greg Deinken.

Purpose of the meeting: To review and discuss fire hall options and to work on the 2018 budget process. There were no additions or corrections to the agenda, no citizen issues and no presenters.

FIRE HALL:

A. Recap of the 2014 plan. Council received copies of the Capital Improvement Plan that was adopted in 2014. The plan was required at that time because of the financing that was proposed to be used. The total project cost at that time was \$630,000. USDA was providing a loan of \$370,000 at 4.125% for 40 years and REA was providing \$260,000 at 0% for 10 years. As required a public hearing was held to review the plan and discuss the financing utilizing bonds. Following the hearing there was a 30 day waiting period to give residents the opportunity to present a petition. A petition was received and the question was placed on the ballot and it failed. The purpose of this recap was to review where we have been and determine where we can go and identify any changes since this time.

B. Future of Morton, the Fire Department and how this project impacts the future of Morton:

The safety issues for the fire fighters still remain and the condition of the building has not improved. These concerns have been acknowledged and need to be addressed.

Council pointed out that other communities the size of Morton or smaller have new fire halls and questioned how they can do it and yet we struggle to do it here. Reference was made to the County survey regarding fire halls within the county and most of them have renovated buildings.

Affordability: When council met with Rebecca from Ehlers & Associates it was recommended that the affordable debt payment for this project was approximately \$20,000. Circumstances have not changed since that time and yet we are talking about a \$30,000 payment. Can we afford it? Concern was expressed about the low income residents who currently struggle to pay their bills and make ends meet and how this project may affect them. Council disagreement with the \$20,000 debt payment – indicating that number may not be realistic. While it may not be realistic, it may be what we can afford.

It was suggested that consideration be given to including office space for the administrator in the fire hall. That would save the money that we are currently paying for lease. If we are going to move forward with a debt payment of \$30,000 cuts need to be made somewhere.

Discussion on the future of the fire department and Morton: Sometimes projects need to be done even if that means an increase in taxes. A new facility may be helpful in recruiting new members and as a positive attraction to the community and the downtown area.

It was pointed out that in the event our fire department would not be here, the city would have additional costs in contracting with another community for fire protection. This would also result in an increase in homeowner's insurance and business owner's insurance. Review of information obtained on increase in homeowner's insurance only – not business. Concern about the impact the additional costs would have on local businesses and their expansion projects.

Discussion on current levy as compared to other communities. There is information on the League of Cities website that would be helpful with this comparison.

C. FINANCE ONLY OPTIONS

Concern was expressed about these options. Currently the city does not have an engineer/architect to move this project forward. Review of input received from engineers and architects. Input included concern about the cost estimates on the construction being too low. There were also concerns about moving forward with the plans we have already paid for. One proposal for engineering and architectural services was made available, however there are unknowns that we wouldn't know until we get into the project. Another issue is how these services would be paid for. The fees would not be included in the financing so another means of financing would be needed. It is also not feasible to scrap what has already been done and paid for and start over.

D. LEASE TO OWN:

S.E.H. and Morton Buildings (Municipal Finance) were reviewed. Council agreed that these options are more appealing because they are inclusive of all costs and easier to budget and plan with. The proposal from Morton Buildings was based on what they would see the costs of construction being. Since they have done a number of fire hall projects in our area, they are familiar with where the costs will be. Their proposal was very clear and complete.

E. OTHER OPTIONS:

No discussion on other options at this time.

Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to pursue the fire hall project with Morton Buildings/Municipal Development and Funding. Motion carried.

BUDGET 2018 PROCESS:

A. REVIEW PAST YEAR END TO BUDGET: Revenues and expenses were reviewed. Operating Revenues exceeded the budgeted revenues. Expenses came in less than budget. Projects budget came in lower, since some projects did not move forward.

B. REVIEW YEAR TO DATE WITH BUDGET: Revenues received to date are under budget since we do not receive tax revenue until the last half of the year. Expenses are in line with the budget at this time. Review of fund balances designated for specific projects and purposes. Comparison of cash balances was discussed.

Enterprise Funds: Water/Sewer/Sanitation: Funds needed for these departments must come from user fees (utility billing). Based on the draft budget as proposed: (1) No increase in water rates are needed (2) Sewer cost per gallon would be increased from 27 cents/gallon to 32 cents/gallon (3) Garbage collection rates would increase from \$6.50/month to \$11/month. The garbage rate increase should not come as a surprise, since this has been discussed each year since the contract with Waste Management was signed. Nonetheless, these increases all have an impact on our local residents' budgets. The budgets for all the departments reflect the contracts that the council has already approved.

Levies: Council reviewed the comparison of the levies from 2010 to present. During that period there were 4 years where the levy remained the same, one year where the levy decreased. Overall there has been approximately a 12.6% increase in the levy since 2010.

Budget notes: There is no increase in salary for full time employees. There is an increase from \$10 to \$10.25/hour for part time. There is a budget adjustment for the newly added part time maintenance position, current debt schedules were updated with the 2018 information. Use of fund balances are proposed for 10,000 at the cemetery for stone repairs, \$30,000 from the Building & Equipment Fund for SCBA tank replacement. There is \$32,000 added to the fire budget for debt payment, no voluntary contribution included and since the mandatory contribution was not available yet, there is no number added in for that. The community development budget does not accommodate for any demolitions or acquisitions including the old hardware store demolition. It was explained that we CAN use Tax Increment Financing for the demolition however, the expense is paid by the city upfront and reimbursed over a period of years. Council needs to determine where the upfront money is to come from.

Review of debt. Total current balance of debt is \$1,830,621. The water revenue bond was for the water project (balance 154,000), Sewer project: (balance 1,485,000), Utility Revenue (new metering system): \$46,000, Tax Increment Bonds 145,621-paid for from Tax Increments.

Sandra presented a question about compensation. In situations where people contact Shirley after hours – should there be compensation? Her number is the “go to” number when residents need something. If the council is expecting these calls to be answered and responded to after hours – they should be providing compensation. The other option would be to provide information as to who should be contacted for various issues.

Goals/Projects: A committee for July 4 celebration needs to be formed. This should be happening soon, so that planning and organizing can be done well in advance.

Community Center: There is a need for a facility to have receptions, dances and other local events. This should be a priority for the upcoming year.

Business Development: We need to solicit businesses. It will help the tax base and create activity in town.

Reviews/Salaries: The Mayor will complete personnel reviews with the full time employees. Discussions at the next meeting.

Budget Schedule: No changes at this time.

Adjourn: There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

AUGUST 9, 2017:

Regular meeting called to order in open session at 7:00 p.m. Jorey Prescott absent. Others present: Dan Haase, Aaron Scheffler and Marilyn Vogl.

Additions to the agenda were identified on the updated agenda. They are as follows:

8C) Water Drainage-Centennial & First Street

8D) Street Improvements – Centennial Drive

8E) East Morton Water Drainage Project Update

8F) School Building Condition

8G) Permits

9B) MVHLC Commitment of Funding

9C) SIDS Resolution

The Public Hearing to consider conditional use for Parcel 34-00752 was opened and will remain open until later in the meeting. The discussion will take place at 7:30 p.m. as scheduled and posted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion by Walker and second by Henning to approve the Secretary's Report for July 12 and 26 as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to approve the Financial Statements as presented. Motion carried.

BUSINESS & RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT:

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: Motion by Jacobson and second by Henning to approve submitting a grant application for utility extension at the east end of town to accommodate for future development opportunities and street improvements on Centennial Drive. Motion carried. The grant is a 50% grant.

SMALL CITIES HOUSING UPDATE: A town meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Morton City Hall. Anyone interested in applying for housing improvements should plan to attend. Applications will be available at this time. If homeowners are unable to attend, applications will be available at City Hall beginning on September 8th.

WATER DRAINAGE – CENTENNIAL DRIVE/FIRST STREET: Harvestland is currently discussing options with Bolten & Menk of how to complete their development without creating additional water issues for adjoining properties. Council will receive a plan once it is completed.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS – CENTENNIAL DRIVE: With the development occurring at the elevator, making Centennial Drive a street suitable for truck traffic may be necessary. Further discussion as information becomes available.

EAST MORTON DRAINAGE: TNT Construction has been in town and has been having discussions with Bolten & Menk. Discussion on project costs and setting a cap. Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to set the cap on the costs for the project as identified at the last meeting at \$15,000 with further discussions if additional repairs are deemed necessary to complete the project. Motion carried.

SCHOOL BUILDING DETERIORATION: There is vandalism and trespassing going on. There are health and safety hazards and the building is hampering further development of Step Saver. Council agreed to begin active conversations with MVHLC and possible funding sources to pursue demolition.

Marilyn Vogl expressed her concern about the appearance of the property. Council agreed to look at it.

SUPPORT TO KIDS:

COMMISSIONER REPORT: None

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES: During the 2017 budget process the council agreed to commit \$3,000 to MVHLC for youth activities which at that time were defined as the summer day camp. Since then plans had changed and they are considering activities during the year rather than all during the summer. Motion by Jacobson to rescind the motion from the previous meeting committing \$70/local child to contribute the \$3,000 as previously committed. Second by Walker. Motion carried. The council will not have a specific commitment in the 2018 budget for youth activities.

PUBLIC HEARING: Purpose: To consider conditional use for Parcel #34-00732. Original Plat, Lot 9, Block 4. The property is currently zoned R-2 and its use is currently for the mobile recycling. Dan Haase and Aaron Scheffler presented a plan to construct a 20'x130' storage unit. 15 units-4-10'x10' and 11 10'x20'. The building would be 10' off of the alley, 10' off of Centennial Drive, 20' off of Third Street with the openings toward Third Street. The trees between this property and the adjoining property to the north would remain to provide a buffer. There being no public input or questions, the council will continue to review the information and make a determination before the end of the meeting.

RESOLUTION: Motion by Jacobson and second by Henning to approve Resolution 03-2017 supporting the goals of the National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day. Motion carried.

PROVIDING MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

WATER/SEWER: Council received a copy of the Sanitary Survey Report for the Public Water System as conducted by the Department of Health.

SANITATION: Council should come prepared to the next meeting with a place to relocate the recycling bins to.

STREETS: No issues

PARK: The campers in the park are completing their stay. There were no issues with them being there. Review of the public input received.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

POLICE: ACTIVITY REPORT: No issues.

FIRE: FIRE HALL PROJECT:

Committee Meeting: Council received the notes from the committee meeting that was held. Present were: Tony Mages, Tyler Serbus, Greg Deinken, Rick Farmer, Shirley Dove, Lyle Prior (Finance) and Ken Kuehl (Morton Buildings).

Agreement: Council received a copy of the Design and Development Agreement. The agreement was originally prepared committing the city to proceeding with the project. As it is amended the agreement only commits to preparation of plans and specs with costs so budgeting can be prepared and public meetings can be held. By signing this agreement we will be committing to \$5,000 of expenses for preparation of the plans. Motion by Jacobson and second by Henning to authorize signing and executing the Design and Development Agreement with Municipal Development & Funding and issuance of \$5,000 payment for the services as identified in the agreement. Motion carried.

Schedule: All documents will be prepared for council review and will not be executed until council and the city attorney have reviewed them. Even though a public hearing is not required, the city has been advised that scheduling a public meeting is strongly recommended. Budget numbers will need to be available to be included in the 2018 budget. Until the hearing is completed and the numbers are put into the budget the project will not be able to move forward. Final budget will be adopted in December.

MANAGEMENT:

BUDGET 2018:

Reviews: Update by Farmer. Review of goals and plans. Council agreed that both full time people should begin logging their activities as a means for council to plan for the future.

Rate Adjustments: To be completed when the draft budget is approved.

Levy Comparisons: Spreadsheet provided as a result of questions presented following the last meeting. Copies are available at city hall.

Draft Budget: Council needs to be prepared to adopt the draft at the next meeting. Discussion on including dollars for demolition. The numbers can be put in the draft with the promise and intent to reduce the budget by December.

PAY BILLS: Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to pay bills as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion by Walker and second by Henning to close the conditional use public hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobson to sell Lot 9, Block 4 to Aaron Scheffler and Dan Haase for \$1.00 with the condition that development occur within one year. Motion carried.

Motion by Henning and second by Walker to approve conditional use for Lot 9, Block 4 as previously discussed. Motion carried.

PERMITS: Motion by Walker and second by Jacobson to approve the permit application as presented for storage units on Lot 9, Block 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Walker and second by Jacobson to approve the permit application presented by Jason Nelson for a storage shed. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

JUST CHATTIN

I'm doing this on Saturday (8/5)....boy, you could not ask for a nicer day for the Morton Open!

Do you know what really makes me mad!....a guy in his air- conditioned office hollering at me through the window and telling me to "pick up the pace"!

On my walk there was a beautiful, huge turtle on the road. Now, I'm talkin' a *huge* turtle! I was afraid it would get run over so I thought I would pick it up and put it out of the way. How do you pick up a turtle? You don't! Apparently, it made it's way across the road because I didn't see any remains the next day. I hope so! And then! A flock of geese went over this a.m. Isn't that a sight to behold! There were so many they were running into each other.

I had to buy a toaster! A long time ago Patrick bought me a 4-slice toaster. Bob was working at the Brazil farms, the kids were all home, we had a dog, we had a pickup and I had a good job.....now, Bob has passed away, the kids are all gone, I have the dog! the pickup is gone, I have a good job (if it wasn't for some of the customers). I bought a red 2-slice toaster! Come on!!! This was a monumental purchase!!

Around 50 years ago (Morton Reminder) St,Mary's "B" team edged Morton 68-66. Terry Lothert led Morton With 20 followed by Bob Kuglin with 14.....Ed Adams retired from his barber shop after 50 years...Ed leased the shop to Richard (Itchy) Goodthunder.....Jerry Brockway had 20 to 30 school pupils aboard his school bus when the left rear duals rolled from the bus and crashed into the front end of a Ford Ranchero. Jerry slowed the bus down to a stop, avoiding a tip-over.....\$80 in cash was taken from a drawer in the Morton school superintendent's office. A glass pane in the door of the office was broken and had apparently reached inside to unlock the door. (OK! Who done it?).....an open house bridal shower will be held for Lois Mude, bride-to-be of Dick Rebstock (Congratulations!).....Elmer Hennen and his son Butch were hospitalized following a narrow escape of being electrocuted. They were moving a corn auger and hit a high line wire.....Sp/4 John Colwell (Joe) distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service against Communist aggressions in the Republic of Vietnam.....

From the Senior Center: We celebrated many birthdays this past and present month: Jim Beaudry (3), Harold Block(19), Jeanette Steinhoven (20), Shirley Beaudry ((3). Wencil and Carol had an anniversary on the 13th and Shirley and Jim on the 3rd...August birthdays: Joanie Brown (24), Sandy Seehausen (15). Beulah Lothert (9) (she's an amazing 90 years old!).

Gordie thanks for the pickles (especially) the red cinnamon!

I love this one: *I'm in the middle of my life and I just don't have enough years left to spend a large portion of them inside an i phone)*....and how about this one: Don't always give your wife credit. she deserves a little credit too.

The Church of Cash Outdoor Concert

Thursday, August 17, 2017

Gilfillan Estates

28263 State Hwy 67, Redwood Falls

7 PM - 9 PM

Tickets \$10 each at the door!

Bring a chair, blanket & bug spray!

The band was formed in 2010! And not a country band, but a tribute band that honors the legacy of Johnny Cash!

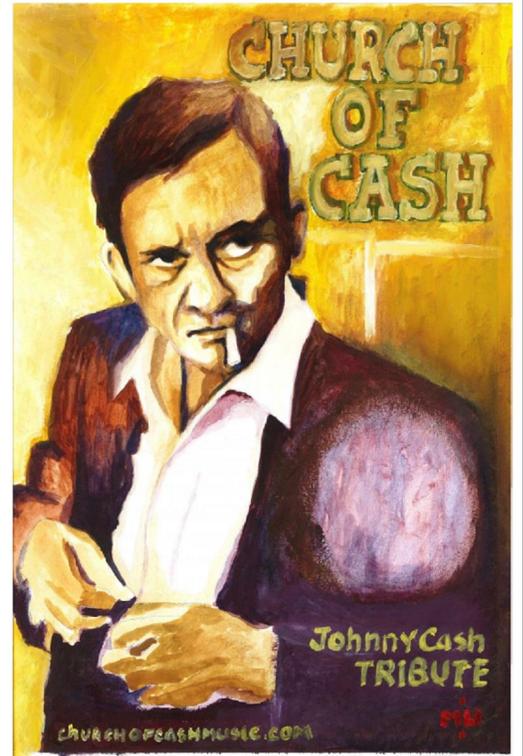
This is a Partnership event with the Redwood County Historical Society.

Homemade Ice Cream

served by the *Friends of Gilfillan*.

Inclement weather, event in Pavilion!

Questions Call Pat at 507-641-3329



SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, September 7, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Morton City Hall

An informational meeting will be held for homeowners living in the CITY OF MORTON who are interested in and who have responded previously to the survey that was completed last fall. Homeowners interested in participating in this program are strongly encouraged to attend.

You will learn about the application, the qualifications to participate, what work qualifies for this funding program, and the application process from United Community Action staff.

Applications for this funding will be available at this meeting and NOT before. If you cannot attend the meeting, you may pick up an application at City Hall beginning on Friday, September 8, 2017.

Need to earn extra money?

Mature workers wanted!



Earn while you learn and put your experience to work.

Paid training with a goal of employment

If you're 55 or older, unemployed and want to get back into the work force, Experience Works might have the training & employment opportunities that are just right for you.

Contact Experience Works at: 1-855-270-9660



Santa's Closet of Renville County

Needs your gently used Christmas Trees & All kinds of Christmas Decorations!

Garland + Wreaths + Ornaments + Stars + Trees + Stockings + Bells + Lights...

Drop-off site for new or used Christmas items ~

DROP OFF AT MORTON CITY HALL!

Lori Clasemann: 320.329.8202

Shelley Vatsaas: 320.523.2826

Nancy Hague: 320.905.7925

Susan Meyer: 320.523.1156

Maria Rincon: 320.212.5162

We can also pick your items up.

circlemn@gmail.com



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Michael Sandager

320-523-1559

Buffer Law Update Meeting

The Renville SWCD is holding a meeting to present new information and cost-share for the Buffer Law 7/31/2017

Olivia, Minn.

The Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District is holding an informational meeting concerning the Buffer Law on August 23rd from 9 to 11 am in the board room at the Renville County Government Services Center, Room 117. Topics will include CRP/CREP updates, buffer deadlines and waivers, cost-share programs, and alternative practices.

Almost \$5 million dollars is now available to support landowners in meeting the requirements of Minnesota's buffer law. The buffer cost-share program funds were approved at the June meeting of the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). These Clean Water Funds, passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Dayton at the end of the 2017 legislative session, provide important support to the Governor's Buffer Initiative.

The funds will be distributed to soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) and are to be used for cost-sharing contracts with landowners or their authorized agents to implement riparian buffers or alternative practices on public waters and public drainage ditches.

The 2017 legislation also recognizes that some landowners may have hardships (such as weather) in meeting the public waters deadline. The added language allows for an eight-month extension for implementation when a landowner or authorized agent has filed a riparian protection "compliance plan" with their local SWCD by **November 1, 2017**. Compliance waivers offer a buffer deadline extension until **July 1, 2018**.

•We have several program changes and updates related to the buffer law to share with landowners and operators. • Holly Hatlewick, Renville SWCD County Administrator

The state buffer law requires a buffer on public waters by November 1, 2017 and a buffer on public drainage ditches by November 1, 2018.

For more information on the buffer law, including the cost-share program, contact The Renville conservation district at 320-523-1559 or visit the BWSR webpage at www.bwsr.state.mn.us/buffers.

**The Olivia VFW Post #4097 is Proud to
Announce the
Second Annual
Peace Officer Appreciation Day!!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th
8AM till NOON**

**at the
BIRD ISLAND BALLROOM**

**Serving - Scrambled eggs, Sausage,
Pancakes & Biscuits and Gravy!**

**Everyone is invited to have brunch with the Renville
County Peace Officers and their families**

**Come out and meet and thank our Renville County Peace Officers!
All Peace Officers and their families will eat free!**

**There will be a free will offering and a Silent Auction. All proceeds
from this event will go into a local Renville County Peace Officer
Assistance Fund. If you would like to donate or if you have an item for
the auction, please contact Dan at one of the numbers below.**

**CONTACT DAN KNIGHT (320-522-0107 - hdankjr@gmail.com) FOR
MORE INFORMATION**



Renville County Parks Archery Deer Hunt

Renville County will conduct a special *archery only* deer hunt in designated county parks from November 1 to December 31, 2017.

All information and the application can be found online at <http://www.renvillecountymn.com>

***Deadline is 4:30pm on
Friday, September 15, 2017***

“Like” us on Facebook!

DANICA KENT BMX RIDER

Morton's very own Danica Kent is one of the best BMX riders in the state of Minnesota for her age group. As Danica turns ten this month, she also celebrates many accomplishments in the sport of her choice.

Danica has finished as high as 5th in the state series standings in recent years.

She is currently leading the State Championship Points on her 24" bike and is currently 2nd in points on her 20" bike.

Last year Danica's talents and skills took her to racing at the Grand Nationals in Tulsa.

She is the second generation BMX rider and has been riding since she was five years old. Her younger sister Maci, is following in her sister's footsteps where she currently sits in 5th place in the 5 and under novice class.

Danica will compete in the state competition on August 25-27 in Isanti. Stay tuned for updates in the next edition!

Danica and Maci are the daughters of Michael Kent and granddaughters to Missy Kent.

Best of luck Danica!

Anyone interested in following Danica's achievements may follow athlete page on Facebook. Danica Danger BMX



Greetings from the Sheriff's Office!



Hopefully everyone has been able to enjoy the warmth of summer! Very soon, we will be sending kids back to school and will look forward to autumn and a bountiful harvest here in beautiful Renville County. As in past years, this will be a time to pay special attention to kids in crosswalks, boarding school buses, etc. Here are a couple more items worth thinking about to help keep you safe:

House Numbers: You and your neighbors know where you live, but do ALL emergency responders? The answer is probably "No." We can't encourage our residents enough to please make sure that your house number is prominently displayed on your house and is easily visible. In the event of an emergency, we rely on those house numbers to get to you as quickly as possible. Sometimes, precious seconds are lost because emergency personnel are not sure which house is which. House numbers that are easily visible from the street eliminate any confusion or uncertainty. If you need help obtaining or affixing house numbers to your house, please give us a call.

Lock Doors and Windows – Unfortunately, the world we live in requires us to lock doors and windows on our homes and vehicles. The old adage that "locks only keep the honest people out" might sometimes be true, but many criminals commit crimes of opportunity and are often dissuaded by locked doors and windows.

Lighting – Outside lighting, especially operated on a motion detector, is a great crime deterrent. Be sure lights are mounted high enough that burglars cannot simply unscrew the bulbs. Also, if you are away, leave a light on inside your home, perhaps on a timer. A radio or television can also be left on to look and sound as if someone is home.

Be Our Partner, Be Vigilant – Our deputies cannot be everywhere all of the time. We absolutely rely on your eyes and ears! You know your home, your neighborhood and your city. If something isn't right or you see something suspicious, REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY!! Please don't wait until morning or the next day. The sooner we know about it, the sooner we can begin to look into it. Crimes in progress and suspicious activity can be reported by calling 911.

On behalf of all of the men and women at your Sheriff's Office, we appreciate the opportunity to serve you! As always, if there is anything that we can do for you, please don't hesitate to give us a call!

Sheriff Scott D. Hable

Renville County Sheriff's Office

105 5th Street S., Suite 210

Olivia, MN 56277

Office: 320.523.3771

Dispatch: 320.523.1161

Fax: 320.523.3787

E-Mail: ScottH@renvillecountymn.com

City of Morton's Fire Department receives \$2,500 Monsanto Fund grant for assistance with the purchase of SCBA tanks.

Morton, MN July 19, 2017 – Employees from Redwood Falls Soybean Production recommended the Morton Fire Department to receive a \$2,500 grant from the Monsanto Fund's 2017 site grant initiative. Funds from the grant will be used to assist with the purchase of tanks for the self-contained breathing apparatus.

This grant will replace tanks that have come to the end of their useful life. The new tanks are essential for the safe and proper response to emergency situations.

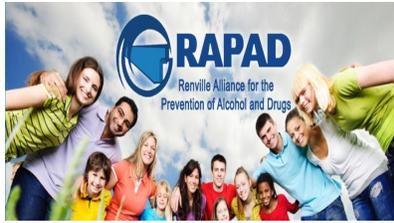
The Monsanto Fund supports farming communities in which our employees live and work by investing in programs that meet the critical needs of the community" said Dana Jacobs, Site Lead at Monsanto Soybean Production. "We're proud to support the Morton Fire Department with this Monsanto Fund grant."

This year, the Monsanto Fund awarded more than \$1.4 million to nonprofit organizations through its site grant initiative to help address essential needs in rural communities. Nonprofit organizations across the U.S. have received more than \$7.5 million through this program over the last five years.

About Monsanto Fund

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where farmers and Monsanto Company employees live and work. Visit the Monsanto Fund at www.monsantofund.org.





Annie Tepfer ~ DFC Coalition Coordinator
RAPAD ~ Renville Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drugs
Olivia, MN 56277 ~ Office # 320-523-3845 ~ Cell # 320-212-0484
anniet@renvillecountymn.com www.rapad.org

One of the first drugs your teenager is most likely to try is Alcohol.

Yes, alcohol is a drug – not a harmless substance



Pop Tab Program

What is the Pop Tab Program? Our Pop Tab Program is a great way for families, schools, organizations, businesses and individuals to support the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota's mission. When pop tabs are donated, volunteers bring them to a local recycling facility and exchange the aluminum for cash. All proceeds directly support the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota.

What exactly is a pop tab? A pop tab is the flip top on aluminum cans. You can collect them from soda cans, sparkling water cans and various other beverage cans. We also take tabs from soup, fruit, vegetable and pet food cans that have tabs.

Where do I drop my pop tabs off? Drop your collected tabs off at Morton City Hall. From here they will be forwarded to Rochester, Minnesota

CANCELLED STAMP COLLECTION PROGRAM

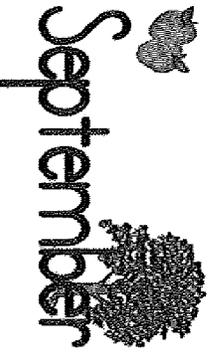
If you have stamps and you don't know what to do with them. But you would rather not throw them away here is a nice option for you. You can collect them and drop them off at City Hall to be donated to a Veterans Organization. The Veterans' National Stamp and Coin Club is a wonderful organization. They collect U.S. and foreign stamps and coins, postcards, sports cards and much more. This group then passes the items on to other Veterans Affairs support centers across the nation. The stamps and coins, etc., are supplied for therapeutic use helping veterans.



Lutheran Social Service

SEPTEMBER 2017

Morton Senior Nutrition Program

GIFT CERTIFICATES for meals available at your site or purchase on line at www.lssmn.org/nutrition	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or EBT/Food Stamps) payment is accepted in lieu of donation. Contact Site Manager for more information.			Contact Site Manager for information & to reserve your meal. Call JOANIE at 697-6112	Friday, Sept. 1 6 oz. Chicken Chow Mein 1/2c. Rice/Chow Mein Noodles 1/2 c. Oriental Vegetables 1/2 c. Mandarin Oranges Cookie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, Sept. 4 Happy Memorial Day! For an extra meal, please contact the meal site.	Tuesday, Sept. 5 3 oz. Roast Pork 1/2 c. Whole Potatoes 1/2 c. Buttered Cabbage Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Rosy Applesauce 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, Sept. 6 4 oz. Meatloaf/Catsup 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Green Beans Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pears 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, Sept. 7 5 oz. Oven Crispy Chicken 1/2 c. Sweet Potatoes 1/2 c. Mixed Vegetables Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Fruit Cobbler 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, Sept. 8 3 oz. Ham 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Corn 1/2 c. Fruit Salad 2"x2" Frosted Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	
Monday, Sept. 11 3 oz. Swiss Steak 1/2 c. Buttered Boiled Potatoe 1/2 c. Corn Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pineapple 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, Sept. 12 3 oz. Roast Turkey 1/2c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas & Carrots Cranberry Garnish/Bread/Marg 2"x2" Fruit Shortcake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, Sept. 13 8 oz. Mandarin Chicken Salad 1/2 c. Fresh Fruit 1/2 c. Tomato Cucumber Salad Margarine Muffin 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, Sept. 14 4 oz. Pork Chop/Gravy 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Carrots Dinner Roll/Margarine 2"x2" Fruit Crisp 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, Sept. 15 6 oz. Lasagna 1/2 c. Country Blend Veget. 1/2 c. Lettuce Salad/Drsg Garlic Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	
Monday, Sept. 18 6 oz. Chicken Tetrizzini 1/2 c. Broccoli 1/2 c. Lettuce/Drsg. Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Tropical Fruit 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, Sept. 19 5 oz. Baked Chicken 1/2 c. Potato Salad 1/2 c. Mixed Vegetables Bread/Margarine 1/8 Slice Pie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, Sept. 20 6 oz. Sweet & Sour Pork 1/2c. Rice 1/2 c. Oriental Vegetables 1/2 c. Fruit 2"x2" Gelatin/Wh. Topping 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, Sept. 21 4 oz. Meatballs/Gravy 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Beets Bread/Margarine x2" Angel Food Cake w/Fruit S 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, Sept. 22 4 oz. Lemon Pepper Fish 1 med. Baked Potato/Sr. Crm. 1/2 c. Creamed Peas Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Melon 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	
Monday, Sept. 25 3 oz. Hamburger 1/2 c. Oven Brown Potatoes 1/2 c. Creamed Corn Bun/Margarine 1/2 c. Rhubarb Sauce 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, Sept. 26 Taco Salad: 3oz Taco Meat 1/2oz. Cheese, 2 Tbsp Salsa 1c. Shred lettuce&chopped Tomatoes 1Tb. Sour Crm. Dinner Roll/Marg 1/2 c. Fresh Fruit, 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, Sept. 27 6oz. Chicken in Cream Sauce 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Cream Puff Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, Sept. 28 3 oz. Pork Loin 1/2 c. Buttered Boiled Potatoes 1/2 c. Creamed Carrots Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Poke Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, Sept. 29 4 oz. Italian Meat Sauce 4 oz. Spaghetti Noodles 1/2 c. Lettuce/Drsg/1/2c Gr. Beans Garlic Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Ice Cream 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	

This service is funded in part by a contract from the Area Agency on Aging with funding from the Federal Older Americans Act through the Minnesota Board on Aging. Additional funds are provided by the State of Minnesota, United Ways, local communities, and other adult contributions. Approved by: Terr Weyer, RD, LD. Posted menu is regular diet & provides average of 700-800 calories. Diabetic, sodium and fat restricted menus available upon request. MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Zesty Corn Relish

Ingredients

18 ears of fresh sweet corn on the cob (about 18-20 cups)
2 cups diced red bell pepper
1½ cups diced green bell pepper *
½ cup minced fresh jalapeno pepper *
¼ cup minced garlic
2 tablespoons canning salt
4 teaspoons dried mustard powder
4 cups cider vinegar
1 cup water
cup light brown sugar

Instructions

Sterilize at 10 pint jars (you may only use 8, but it's better to have too many jars ready than to have to sterilize more jars while your relish waits!)

Shuck the corn and carefully remove the silks. Stand each ear of corn sturdily on its end on a cutting board and use a sharp knife to remove the kernels.

In a large stainless steel or other nonreactive pot, stir together all of the ingredients and bring the mixture to a boil, stirring occasionally. When it reaches a boil, reduce the heat to medium low and simmer for 20 minutes.

Ladle the hot corn relish into sterile jars, leaving ½-inch of headspace in the jar. Wipe and clean the rim of the jars with a paper towel moistened with vinegar. Fix new two piece lids in place and screw the rings to fingertip tightness.

Put the filled, lidded jars in a canner, ensure they are covered by at least an inch of hot water, bring to a boil, and process for 15 minutes at a full boil, covered. When the 15 minutes are up, turn off the heat, remove the lid and let the jars rest in the water for 5 minutes before carefully transferring to a clean towel lined counter top.

* Use any combination of jalapeno and green peppers to make 2 cups, based on how hot you want it.

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