

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held April 9, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session in the Board Room in Village Hall in said Village at 7:00 PM on April 9, 2019.

The Village President called the meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll being called, the following answered present: Hopkins, Fay, Stauffer, Labash and Pennington. Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to excuse Trustee Pope. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Attorney Lesage, Lucas Brainerd and Corey Buck were present.

VISITORS: Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Dave Saunders, Josh & Robin Keene, Ruth Meyers, Rob Urish, Chris Corcoran, Gene Ashton, Chris Kolling, Bob Coddington, Mary Francis, Corbin Anderson, John Finfrock, Cassandra Gottschalk, Chad Stauffer and CJ Ostrander.

MINUTES: Trustee Pope moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the March 26, 2019 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the March 26, 2019 Executive Minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION: No Report.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: No Report.

STREET DEPT: No Report.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Pennington reported that the leak at Sharky's Sports Bar will be repaired by Marty Bush from Ehmen's. The leak is a Village problem. Water will be shut off for one day affecting two businesses, Shell and Sharky's. Pennington said a boiler for those two businesses will be in order.

101 E LINCOLN: Trustee Pennington came before the Board to discuss a water bill where the home went back to the bank and pipes froze and burst inside the home causing a very large water bill. There was no notification to stop service. No charges or late penalties should be made against the account where there was no usage. Agent can come back with an offer to the Board of what they are willing to pay. And Board then will take a vote.

ORDINANCE: Pennington asked the Board to consider changing our current Ordinance with a new deposit fee of \$100.00 and that all tenant bills be put in the landlord's name. Pennington will get with the Attorney.

FINANCE: Trustee Labash presented the a draft of the 2019/20 Budget. Any changes Trustees are to get with the Treasurer. Will approve the Budget at the next meeting. Trustee Labash presented the Police Contract and asked all Board members to review it and be prepared to discuss at next Board meeting. Any questions get with him and Attorney Zollinger will be in attendance.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins came before the Board to upgrade the lighting at Dillehay Park. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to accept the quote from Thayer Lighting as presented for \$4137.00 of which \$2068.50 to be paid in advance. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

AVALANCHE SOFTBALL: Trustee Hopkins informed the Board that the Avalanche Softball Team will be hosting two tournaments on April 20th, 27 & 28th and using the ball diamonds at Dillehay.

POLICE DEPT: Attorney Lesage will have an ordinance ready for the sale of the squad for the next meeting.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to adopt the Demolition Ordinance 04-01-19 and the application for submission as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

FENCE PERMIT: Joshua Keene came before the Board to reconsider his fence permit application which was denied by Village President Elsasser along with Trustee Stauffer. Keene read the fence ordinance from the Village Code and presented his reasons why the Village should allow him to use the material he presented since the Village Code does not state otherwise. Board agreed to grant the permit. Trustee Stauffer also reported that ordinance task force is meeting and working on ordinances. The group would like to have a city wide cleanup day and send out a newsletter to residents. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTY:

CLOSE REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to close Regular under Sec 2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the Purpose of Discussing Imminent or probable Litigation at 8:05 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

RECONVENE REGUALR SESSION: Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to reconvene Regular Session at 8:48 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

The next regular Village Board Meeting will be held on April 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

Dan Elsasser, Village President