

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held April 23, 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 23, 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, Pope and Pennington. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Attorney Lesage, Tim Zollinger and Corey Buck were present.

VISITORS: Dave Saunders, Rob Urish, Chris Corcoran, Chris Kolling, Bob Coddington, Howie Herman, Jeff Bold, Ashley Sarver, Val Olafsen, Chad Stauffer and CJ Ostrander.

MINUTES: Trustee Pennington moved and Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the April 9, 2019 minutes as presented. Trustee Pope abstained. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to accept the April 9, 2019 Executive Minutes as presented. Trustee Pope abstained. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report.

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented with the addition of \$297.00 to Emmitt Martin Excavating for road rock. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION: Dave Saunders came before the Board to commend the Park & Rec Board, Ryan Fletcher from Avalanche Girls Softball. Saunders said Dillehay Park was packed with people all day on Saturday April, 20th and commented on how great it was to see so many people.

ADMINISTRATION: Rob Urish from the Economic Development Corp. came before the Board to introduce Ashley Sarver and Val Olafsen from Gary Anderson Architectural Design to discuss Historical Preservation, its benefits, tax credits State and Federal. Urish made note that EDC is trying to help the tourism group move forward on getting the Campus and surrounding buildings in the downtown business district designated on the National Registrar, by enlisting Sarver and Olafsen who are experts on historical preservation. Sarver and Olafsen both spoke respectively on the benefits, eligibility, and contributing factors. Howie Herman of the EDC also pointed out that the downtown is also in an Enterprise Zone and what it also can offer potential businesses. Jeff Bold of EDC spoke about the 3-phase process. Once an application is submitted the Village would know within 45-60 days if it's eligible for Historical District Status. Urish asked that the Board consider using TIF funds for said project and that the group would be coming back before the Board making their request.

STREET DEPT: No Report.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to hire part-time seasonal help for mowing at \$10.21 hr. and two part-time seasonal help for cleaning sewers at \$10.00 hr. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Work on Wesley Avenue is pretty much complete with the exception of the sidewalk being replaced and the street. The manhole project is complete. Sewer backup on Seminary is a Village issue, ServPro was called to do cleanup at the residence.

FINANCE: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Pope seconded the motion to go into Executive Session at the end of Regular Session for the Purpose of Collective or Negotiating Matters Between the Village and its Employees Concerning Salary Schedules for One or More Employees Pursuant to Section 5 ILCS

120/2(c)(2) Trustee Labash presented the final draft of the 2019/20 Budget. Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to approve the Budget as presented. Labash cautioned the Trustees about overspending this next fiscal year and the impact it could have on next year's budget. Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Pope seconded the motion to set the Appropriation Hearing for June 11, 2019 at 7:15 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to re-hire Jeff Cox at \$12.00 hr., and Larry Claussen at \$10.00 hr. for part-time seasonal help in the Parks. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Pope moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to sell the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Squad Car under Ordinance 08-01-17 of the Village Code Authorizing the Sale of Certain Property Owned by the Village of Mt. Morris. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. The Clerk was instructed to let out for sealed bids at a starting price of \$500.00, and to publish in the local newspapers.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Stauffer reported that numerous letters of ordinance violations have been sent out by Chief White. Ordinance Committee is still working on ordinances.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Stauffer came before the Board with a request from Aireloom Studios to have a bon fire behind the bandshell for their Drum Circle event. Request died for a lack of a motion. Stauffer gave an update on the Penner building. There is a meeting scheduled for May 6th with the Attorney's, Penner and Trustees Labash and Stauffer. Flag holders have been placed along the south side of the campus and around Memorial Fountain.

CLOSE REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Pope 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 Pope moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to reconvene Regular Session at 9:07 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

IFOP COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Pope seconded the motion to adopt the ILOFP Labor Council Agreement as presented for all full-time police officers from Ma1, 2019 – April 30, 2022. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declare 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 9:10 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 May14, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

Dan Elsasser, Village President