

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held July 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 July 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, Kolling and Pennington. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to excuse Trustees Labash and Stauffer. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye."

Attorney's Lesage, Zollinger and Corey Buck were present.

**VISITORS:** Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Mary Francis, Howie Herman, Jeff Bold, Johna Templin, John Finrock, Gene Ashton, Stan Ballard, CJ Ostrander, Chris Corcoran, Chad Stauffer and Ally Clift

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

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye."

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

**PETITION & COMMUNICATION:** Mary Francis of the Beautification Committee came before the Board to give an update on how the city wide cleanup day went on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Francis reported that overall it was very successful.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Village President Elsasser made a motion and Trustee Kolling seconded to go into Executive Session at the end of Regular Session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives pursuant to Section 2(c)(2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye."

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code and approve the use of Motor Fuel Funds for the Emily Street Project. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee Pennington reports that Well #5 pump was pulled for maintenance and repair. Sewer dept., will be going back over the more troublesome sewer lines for cleaning and cameraing. Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending Title 8, Chapter 1 of the Mt. Morris Village Code to increase the current water deposit of \$40.00 to \$100.00 beginning August 1, 2019. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending Title 8, Chapter 1, and Title 8, Chapter 2 of the Mt. Morris Code the responsibility of the utility bills becomes the property owner. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Property owner Stan Ballard inquired as to whether the water deposit increase would affect the owners who already paid the deposit to pay the additional amount of the increase? Pennington responded that current property owners are grandfathered and the increase would go into effect moving forward with new owners. Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to go into Executive Session at the end of Regular Session for the purpose of discussing probable or imminent litigation involving the Village pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of

the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**FINANCE:** No Report.

**PARK & RECREATION:** Trustee Hopkins reported that pickle ball equipment has ordered. Striping should be done soon.

**POLICE DEPT:** Trustee Kolling reports that the Chief White is addressing property code violations and has sent letter to residents and has had positive response.

**ORDINANCE:** Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to approve the request to conduct a raffle submitted by Samuel H Davis Lodge and waive the permit fee. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** No Report.

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No Report.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to adjourn Regular Session at 7:27 PM to go into Executive Session. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to reconvene Regular Session at 9:11 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to allow the Village Clerk to negotiate with the mortgage company the water bill at 101 E Lincoln St as discussed in Executive Session. Upon roll being called Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 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 August 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

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Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

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Dan Elsasser, Village President