

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held January 14, 2020

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 January 14, 2020.

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, Pennington and Kolling. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Corey Buck was present.

VISITORS: Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Dave Saunders, Denny Davis, Officer Beitel, Chris Corcoran, Clark Faris Mike Rock, Jim & Vicky Schultheis

MINUTES: Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to accept the December 10, 2019 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Stauffer 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 Pennington moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented with the addition of 4584.53 to the IDOL. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION: Mike Rock candidate for Ogle County States Attorney came before the Board to introduce himself and why he's running for the position. Mary Jane Warkins came before the Board to inquire as to where the Ordinance Task Force is with addressing violations. Trustee Stauffer responded that he had spoken with Chief White and letters and notices have been given to various residents for violations. His department continues to address the issues. Vicky Schultheis came before the Board to ask if the Village would consider at some point in time putting a sidewalk on the west side of Reynolds Street. She also expressed interest and asked if the Board if they have thought about a bike path from Oregon to Mt. Morris. Village President responded that it has been a topic that has come up from time to time in conversation, it would be a long process that the Village would need to apply for a grants but will let Trustee Hopkins discuss this with the Park & Rec Board.

ADMINISTRATION: Village President Elsasser asked for a motion to appoint Sylvia Saunders to the Planning Commission. Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to appoint Sylvia Saunders to the Board. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Stauffer "Nay." He questioned whether or not this would be a conflict of interest. President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to go into Closed Session under Sec. 2(2)(5) of the Open Meetings Act for the Purpose of Discussion Real Property for the Use of the Public Body, including Meetings held for the Purpose of Discussing Whether a Particular Parcel Should be Acquired. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

STREET DEPT: No Report.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Pennington reported the sewer portion of first block of the Emily Street Project is completed. Trustee Pennington also asked the Board to consider allowing CJ Ostrander to rollover 27 hours of vacation he intended to use by the end of the year due to the fact that the east lift station power went down on the 28th of December and he and Chad Stauffer had to manually pump the lift for several days not allowing him to take his remaining time. Bruce Lambert came before the Board to

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discuss his current water bill. Trustee Pennington said he would meet with him at the close of the meeting to discuss.

FINANCE: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the one time rollover of 27 hours for CJ Ostrander. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PARK & RECREATION: No Report.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling gave the Trustees a summary of the police department's activities for the month of December. He also addressed the ordinance violation issues as discussed earlier in the meeting and what Chief White would like to propose is speaking with residents first and break the Village up into four quadrants and focus on one quadrant at a time.

ORDINANCE: No Report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: No Report.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to close Regular Session under Sec. 2(2)(5) of the Open Meetings Act for the Purpose of Discussion Real Property for the Use of the Public Body, including Meetings held for the Purpose of Discussing Whether a Particular Parcel Should be Acquired at 8:12 PM. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to reconvene Regular Session at 8:54 PM. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. No Action Taken.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

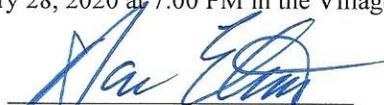
OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

The next regular Village Board Meeting will be held on January 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.


Paula Diehl, Village Clerk


Dan Elsasser, Village President