

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held February 11, 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 February 11, 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, Labash, Fay, Pennington, and Kolling. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to excuse Trustee Stauffer. President declared said motion carried.

Attorney Lesage was present.

VISITORS: Dave Saunders, Chris Corcoran, Rob Urish, Doug Aken, Clark Faris Ryan Fletcher, Gene Ashton and Chad Stauffer.

MINUTES: Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the January 28, 2020 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Fay abstained. President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the January 28, 2020 Executive Minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Fay abstained. President declared said motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Pennington 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 Kolling moved and Trustee Hopkins 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: No Report.

ADMINISTRATION: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Probable or Imminent Litigation in the Village Pursuant to Sec. 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act and for the Purpose of Considering the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of a Specific Employee Pursuant under 5ILCS 2(c)(1) and for the Purpose of Collective or Negotiating Matters Between the Village and its Employees Concerning Salary Schedules for One or More Employees Pursuant to Sec. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Fay reported that Ryan Fletcher has been hired to work in the Street Department beginning February 17, 2020.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Pennington reported that there were two water main breaks which have been repaired.

FINANCE: Trustee Labash reported that he would like to begin prelim budget meetings with the Trustees and their department heads beginning the week of the 24th. Clerk was instructed to set these meetings up.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins reported that the Park Board will begin meeting on the 13th of February.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling submitted the Police Departments activity summary for the month of January.

ORDINANCE: No Report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: No Report.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to Recess Regular Session at 7:12 PM and go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Probable or Imminent Litigation in the Village Pursuant to Sec. 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act and for the Purpose of Considering the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of a Specific Employee Pursuant under 5ILCS 2(c)(1) and for the Purpose of Collective or Negotiating Matters Between the Village and its Employees Concerning Salary Schedules for One or More Employees Pursuant to Sec. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to reconvene Regular Session at 8:31 PM. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

NEW HIRE: New hire Ryan & Martha Fletcher came before the Board asking if they would consider allowing him to take eight days vacation with pay in July? Board said they would discuss and address at the next Board Meeting.

FINANCE: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to give the employees a 2.5% cost of living increase beginning May 1, 2020 of the fiscal year. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

LITIGATION: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to make a one-time payment to Mike Ward regarding an insurance claim in the amount of one thousand dollars. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Rob Urish and Doug Aken came before the Board to express concerns regarding the remaining wall of the Penner building and the effect it will have on the efforts of Economic Development Group and this year's upcoming events. Several options were discussed how TIF funds could help play a roll in the redevelopment of the Felker property and the vacant lot.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 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 February 25, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

Dan Elsasser, Village President