

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held February 25, 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 25, 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, Stauffer and Kolling. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Attorney Lesage and Corey Buck were present.

VISITORS: Dave Saunders, Chris Corcoran, Clark Faris, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Gene Ashton, CJ Ostrander and Chad Stauffer.

MINUTES: Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to accept the February 11, 2020 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Stauffer abstained. President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to accept the February 11, 2020 Executive Minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Stauffer abstained. President declared said motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report.

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented with the addition of \$439.26 reimbursement to Ryan Fletcher for uniforms and \$1435.00 to Mel's Graphics for striping on the police and water dept. vehicles Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION: Dave Warkins came before the Board to inquire as to the ordinance allowing or prohibiting of trailer parking on Village streets? Village President Elsasser responded that this was a topic some time ago and is not a dead issue. Clark Faris presented a petition signed by Village residents along Lincoln street saying they don't want an ordinance banning the parking of trailers on Village streets. Chris Corcoran stated that he noticed an improvement in the clean-up of properties.

ADMINISTRATION: No Report.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Fay and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to go into Executive Session at the end of Regular Session for the Purpose of Considering the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of a Specific Employee Pursuant to Sec 5ILCS 2 (c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to the highest bid on the 2005 pickup truck from Brad Weller in the amount of \$4676.00. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

FINANCE: Trustee Labash reported that preliminary budget meetings have begun with department heads and Trustees.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins reported that the Park & Rec Board had their first meeting on February 13th and they are gearing up for the season.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling reported that the Police Dept. has a schedule change due to being down one man. They will be working 80 hr shifts.

ORDINANCE: No Report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to opt of Adult-Use Cannabis Business Establishments. Upon roll being called roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” The Village attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance for official approval at the next board meeting. Trustee Stauffer said he was working on bids on the repair of the band shell. 2022 is the 100th anniversary of the band shell.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to Recess Regular Session at 7:29 PM and go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Considering the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of a Specific Employee Pursuant under 5ILCS 2(c)(1). Upon roll being called all Trustees voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to end Executive Session and reconvene Regular Session. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to reconvene Regular Session at 7:40 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 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 March 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

Dan Elsasser, Village President