

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held April 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 April 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: Labash, Kolling, Pennington, Hopkins, Fay and Stauffer. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**This is a recorded meeting. The Village President and Trustees all participated electronically as allowed per Governor Pritzker's COVID-19 Executive Orders. All other participants in attendance participated electronically. A representative of the press attended electronically.**

Attorney Lesage, Treasurer True and Corey Buck were present.

**VISITORS:** Rob Urish, Ashley Sarver, Jeff Bold and Jeff Helfrich from the newspaper.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the March 10, 2020 minutes as presented. Trustee Labash and Fay abstained. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:** No Report.

**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 Stauffer 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. Treasurer True reported that things are looking well for the end of the fiscal year.

**PETITION & COMMUNICATION:** Rob Urish of EDC came before the Board to discuss the importance of Historical Preservation in the downtown business district and ask that TIF money be used not to exceed \$15,000 to complete the process with the help of Gary Anderson & Associates. Ashley Sarver from GWAA was in attendance to field questions from the Village Board. With the help of Sarver and Attorney Lesage they explained the importance of the Federal & State Tax credits that the present business owners and potential new businesses could take advantage of. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to approve the use of TIF funds not to exceed \$15,000 to finish the work needed to complete the application process for Historical Preservation District. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Licensing fees: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to delay collection of liquor license, video gaming and amusement fees from all Class A license holders that are typically due on May 1, 2020 to August 1, 2020. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee reports that the Street Dept. has been doing some cleanup and tree removal. Concrete work on Emily Street from Seminary to Mulberry is done. Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 04-02-20 for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for the Milling and Overlay of Emily Street from Reynolds to Fletcher Emily Street Reconstruction in the amount of \$17,214.12, using Motor Fuel funds. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to approve the quote from Martin & Co to do the proposed work on Emily Street from Reynolds to Fletcher in the amount of \$17,214.12. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to approve Resolution 04-01-20 for the Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for Various Streets in

the amount of \$5000.00 for an Environmental Impact Study. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Pennington  
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**STREET CONT:** seconded the motion to approve the Engineering Agreement with Willett Hofmann for the Emily Street Project from Reynolds to Fletcher in the amount of \$1,2500.00. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**WATER/SEWER:** Water/Sewer Depts., are flushing hydrants this week.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Labash reports that all Trustees have the first draft of the Budget for 20/2021, take the time to go over the proposed budget and be ready to approve at the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Labash also reports that the Budgeted Project list for 20/2021 appears the proposed Projects can be done this coming fiscal year. Asks that no changes be made to the list at this time. **Campus Café TIF Loan Agreement:** Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to delay payment for the months of April, May and June resuming payments in the month of July. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. **Utility Payments:** Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to eliminate late fees for water, sewer and garbage payments for the months of April, May and June 2020. Any outstanding late fees will carry over without additional penalties. All late fees including any outstanding, will resume with the July 2020 billing cycle extending the 30 day shut off to 60 days. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**PARK & RECREATION:** No Report. Playground equipment in the parks have been taped off.

**POLICE DEPT:** Trustee Kolling reports that things are quiet.

**ORDINANCE:** No Report.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** No Report.

**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 8:06 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 April 28, 2020 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