

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held May 12, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session Electronically at 7:00 PM on April 20, 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. Trustees Fay joined the meeting at 7:05 and Trustee Labash at 7:10.

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: Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Dave & Sylvia Saunders, Barbara Ruther, Andy Eckhardt, Tiffany West, Tanya Bower, Rob Urish and Jennifer King.

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

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: No Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Treasurer True noted the ending balance for fiscal year ending April 30, 2020. He noted that receipts received for the year to date are about the same as a year ago or higher.

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Stauffer 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: Andy Eckhardt director for the Kable Band came before the Board to get their input about holding Wednesday concerts. Attorney Lesage advises that the Governor's orders should be followed. Tiffany West of the LFR committee came before the Board to inform them that the festival for this year has been cancelled due to COVID-19. The committee will continue to gear up for next year by holding a 60/40 raffle, with the winner to be announced at the last Friday Night Concert of the season, providing there is a season. They will also do the flamingo flocking again this year.

ADMINISTRATION: No Report.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Fay reports that Emily Street work is complete, paving of various streets is done. Sealcoating is pending weather conditions. Fay reports that the Street Sweeper is in need of repair, with estimated cost of \$5200.00. Street Dept. continues to pickup brush, fill potholes etc.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Pennington reports that one of the mixers is down at the treatment plant. The dept., will be looking for summer help this year with the cleaning of sewers.

FINANCE: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to approved the 2020/21 Budget and Budget Projects as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Labash said that the dept heads along with their Trustees stayed within or under budget last year which will allow for the budgeted projects for this year. He thanks Treasurer True for his efforts with the budget. Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to set the Appropriation Hearing for June 9, 2020 at 7:15 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Rob Urish of the Economic Development

Group came before the Board with a recommendation on behalf of Mullarkey's Bar and Grill request for TIF funds for the remodel of their business. TIF eligible expenses pertain to the infrastructure of the building, plumbing, electrical, interior walls, exhaust, floor and ceiling. The recommendation consists of two parts one a grant in the amount of \$14,270.00 and a loan in the amount of \$14,270.00 at 4% interest over a 6 year period and upon completion of work done. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Attorney Lesage was instructed to draw up an agreement.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins reports that the parks are still closed. Though there have been several people in the park playing disc golf.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling reports that Officer Beitel will be returning to work this week. Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to grant the request of Chief White to be granted a one-time payment of 77 hours of unused vacation time from 2019. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Stauffer came before the Board to inquire "should we give any thought to an ordinance regarding ground and rooftop solar panels?" He noted that he has seen some homes within the Village with rooftop solar and the Kable Inn near the golf course is looking at doing ground mounted panels. Attorney Lesage said that Dixon has recently put in place an ordinance regarding solar that the Village may want to look at to determine whether they want to pursue an ordinance/zoning change in the future.

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 Hopkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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 May 26, 2020 at 7:00 PM location to be determined.

Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

Dan Elsasser, Village President