

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held June 9, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session Electronically at 7:00 PM on June 9, 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, Hopkins, Fay, Kolling, Pennington 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, and Corey Buck were present.

VISITORS: Dave Warkins, CJ Ostrander and Steve Rossi

MINUTES: Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the May 26, 2020 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustees Kolling and Pennington abstained.

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. Treasurer True gave an analysis for the month of May compared to the previous fiscal year.

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented with the addition of \$2500.00 for the Plainview Cemetery grant. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION: Bar owner Steve Rossi came before the Board asking that the Board consider once bars can reopen if the hours of business could be extended for gaming on Friday and Saturdays. Village President said the State controls the gaming machines and their times of operation. Advises that Rossi speak with someone from the State.

ADMINISTRATION: No Report.

CLOSE REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to close Regular Session at 7:15 PM for the Public Hearing for the Proposed Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2020/21. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 PM and reconvene Regular Session. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declare said motion carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to reconvene Regular Session at 7:20 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to approve the 2020/21 Appropriation Ordinance of \$10,592,236.28 as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the proposal by Stan Ballard to replace approximately 200 sq ft of city sidewalk bordering his property at the corner of Wesley and Sunset not to exceed \$2000. Ballard proposed that he would furnish the labor providing the Village would pay for the concrete. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee

Labash “Nay.” President declared said motion carried. Lasbash voiced his concerns that only \$8000 was budgeted this fiscal year for concrete work to be done and this was not a project slated for this year. Trustee Fay also brought before the Board complaints he’s received about large motorhomes and trailers parked on city streets and complaints about ATV’s operating on city streets.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to hire seasonal part-time help in the sewer dept at \$10.00 per hour, Brandon Hitchcock and Scott Sanders. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried. Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to approve the quote to replace the anaerobic mixers at the WWTP not to exceed \$22,000. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried. Pennington also brought to the Boards attention that Phoenix, LLC has spoken with Chad Stauffer about hooking into the city’s water supply system and doing pressure checks on the fire suppression system prior to demolition of a portion of their building. Trustee Stauffer made note that Phoenix has applied for a permit for demolition but none has been issued until all questions have been answered that the Village has submitted and a final asbestos report has been done and received.

FINANCE: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to increase the non-union employee cellphone reimbursement from \$50 to \$75 retroactive as of May 1, 2020. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins reports that long time park board member Jan Hough has passed away. Will do something in the parks in her honor.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling made note of the May Police Activity. Reports that all is quiet in the Village and that Chief White is looking at vehicles to replace the 2013 squad car.

ORDINANCE: No Report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Stauffer reports that repairs to the interior of the bandshell have begun. Will get with Mark Lewis on sign replacement. Phase 3 of Governor Pritzker’s plan does not allow for indoor dining yet. Some business owners when contacted didn’t feel that it would be worthwhile to try and have outdoor seating.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 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 June 23, 2020 at 7:00 PM location to be determined.

Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

Dan Elsasser, Village President