

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held July 28, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on July 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: Hopkins, Fay, Kolling, Pennington, Labash and Stauffer. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Press was not present.

Attorney Lesage and Corey Buck were present.

VISITORS: Clark Faris, Chris Corcoran, Dave & Sylvia Saunders, Denny Davis, Jeff Bold, Moe Kielsmeier and Chad Stauffer.

MINUTES: Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the July 14, 2020 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Labash abstained. President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: No Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report.

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Fay 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: Jeff Bold of Encore came before the Board to inform them of the status of events due to COVID-19. Porch Fest originally held in June was moved to August 8, has now been cancelled under the advisement of the Ogle County Health Dept. National Straw Sculpting event will remain as scheduled but with some modifications. No bale races, vendors etc. will be happening. On-line voting only. Statues will be put up along Wesley Avenue for drive by viewing and some of the past sculptures will also be on campus. Chris Corcoran came before the Board to voice his displeasure with the sealcoating job done on various streets throughout town. He also voiced his concern with the repair work done at the band shell. Corcoran also asked about larger camper trailers being parked on the street. Clark Faris also expressed his concerns about the sealcoating in front of his home and that most of washed down the city sewer system after a heavy rainfall. Denny Davis said that the company would be back in two weeks to sweep up any loose gravel.

ADMINISTRATION: No Report.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to purchase from Peabody's a Wacker Neuson 8085T to replace the Gehl in the amount of \$67,700.00. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. This was a state bid price after trade in.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Pennington reported that Gene Ashton will come back to sign the EPA paper work for the WWTP until Chad Stauffer gets his certification and to help as needed until someone is hired. Pennington will get with the Clerk to place ad for new hire.

FINANCE: Trustee Labash reminds Board members to be watchful of their budgets as we are only into our second month of the new fiscal year.

PARK & RECREATION: No Report.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling reports that Chief White COVID testing came back negative and all is quiet in the Village. The new squad is not in service yet waiting for the instrument console to arrive.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Stauffer came before the Board to suggest a change in the Planning Commission Ordinance. He suggested a change in the frequency of meetings, reduce the number of members from 7 to 5, no two members from a household on the same board and to look at the terms of office. Village attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance for review by the Board. Chairman Saunders was present and expressed his concerns to Stauffer's proposed changes. Trustee Labash suggested that Saunders speak with the Planning Commission for input and come before the Board at the next Village Board meeting. Planning Commission will meet on August 3.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Stauffer thanked Park & Rec employees Jeff Cox and Larry Claussen for their help with equipment that was delivered to the band shell for the Kable Band. The generator at Village Hall has been serviced and a 100gallon fuel drum has been installed and the old 500 gallon will be removed from Village Hall grounds.

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 Pennington 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 August 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

Dan Elsasser, Village President