

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held September 22, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on September 22, 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, Stauffer, Kolling, Pennington, Fay and Labash. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Press was not present.

Attorney Lesage was absent. Corey Buck was present.

VISITORS: Clark Faris, Chris Corcoran, Dave & Sylvia Saunders, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Diane Palmer, Carolyn Hackbarth, Tiffany West and Chad Stauffer.

MINUTES: Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the September 8, 2020 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to accept the Executive Minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report.

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented, with the addition of \$229.34 to Ryan Fletcher, uniform reimbursement, \$2375.00 to Wes Tree Service for the removal of trees due to storm damage and \$900.00 to Arsmcor for ammunition. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to adopt the amended ordinance 01-02-18 of the Lee/Ogle Enterprise Zone as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Dave Warkins came before the Board to ask that the Board reconsider the parking of motorhomes, campers, trailers and semi's on Village Streets. Tiffany West of the LFR committee came before the Board to get their blessing on doing something this year for Xmas on The Square. Would like to coordinate with various light shows throughout town on December 5th, beginning at 5 PM. It was suggested that she also get with the Encore committee and Trustee Stauffer. Chris Corcoran asked when Civil Engineering would be here to clean up the loose gravel on city streets. Stated that it's been over 2 months. Trustee Fay said they have been in and out of town. Diane Palmer said the situation at 104 N McKendrie has not improved. The landlord has contacted an attorney to start the eviction process.

ADMINISTRATION: Village President Elsasser came before the Trustees to discuss Halloween and whether the Village should consider banning the event. Trustee Labash felt that our local school age children had be through a lot since the beginning of covid and suggested that if residents wanted to participate in trick or treating they should turn on their porch lights, follow CDC guidelines, masking should be conducted on both sides of the door. Halloween hours for trick or treating were set for 5-8 PM.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Fay reported that Com-ed had been in town and taken down 13 ash trees.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to purchase from 3E Electrical a generator for the East Lift Station not to exceed \$30K. Funds will come from the new equipment reserve line in the budget. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Pennington also said they would start the interview process beginning Wednesday September 23.

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FINANCE: No Report.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins reported that there has been more vandalism in the parks.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to accept the highest sealed bid for the 2013 squad car in the amount of \$3100.00 from Salvatore Tranchina. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Kolling reported that he has met with Chief White, President Elsasser regarding the situation at 104 N McKendrie. Steps are being taken by the landlord to evict the tenant.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Stauffer tabled the ordinance amending Title 2 Chapter 2 of the Mt. Morris Village Code, Plan Commission Reorganization and Meeting Rules. Trustee said he has been looking back into the parking of motorhomes, trailers and semi's on city streets and intends to revisit the ordinance.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Stauffer asked Board members to reach out to Jeff Bold of Encore, as the group is looking for a facility to store straw sculptures through the winter months. The group had originally stored the sculptures in the Kable East building.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 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 October 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

Dan Elsasser, Village President