

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held March 23, 2021

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 Tuesday March 23, 2021.

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, Labash, Kolling and Pennington. Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to excuse Trustee Stauffer. President declared said motion carried.

Attorney Lesage and Corey Buck were present.

VISITORS: Jeff bold, Chris Corcoran, Gary Desmedt, Ed Higley, Rich Toms, Ryan Fletcher, Clark Faris, Chad Stauffer.

MINUTES: Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the March 9, 2021 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Labash 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 Hopkins 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.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Resident Rich Toms came before the Board to discuss the situation with some of the sidewalks in town and which ones might be replaced. Several according to Toms are in pretty bad shape. Trustee Fay will conduct a "Walk" of the Village sidewalks to identify those that are in need of repair and propose a long range plan. Clark Faris notified the Board of the light post by the now vacant lot downtown is not stable.

ADMINISTRATION: Village President Elsasser came before the Board asking for consideration of Scott Sullivan's request for video gaming and a Class A liquor license in his store. Attorney Lesage explained various options and restrictions the Board could consider. Any restrictions would have to be done by Ordinance. Labash and Pennington said the Board should move cautiously going forward. Attorney Lesage said he would get a "model ordinance" to the Clerk for the Village President and Trustee Stauffer to review.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 03-02-2021 for the Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for Emily Street from Fletcher Avenue to Mulberry Avenue. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. \$65,000 will come out of the Rebuild Illinois line item and \$150,000 out of Motor Fuel fund repairs line item.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Pennington came before the Board to discuss the additional cost to repair Well #2 after Peerless was here to pull the pump and assess the damage. Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to waive the bid process requirement due to the nature of the repair and the longstanding history with Peerless Well & Pump who have serviced the Villages wells for years to approve the additional expense of \$13,000, total cost of the project is \$31,120.00. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

FINANCE: Trustee Labash reported that meetings with Trustees to discuss budgets have been held and they will continue to meet. Labash would like to approve the proposed budget for 21/22 at the last meeting in April. Will hopefully have something to share at the April 13th meeting.

PARK & RECREATION: No Report.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling came before the Board with a request from Chad Beitel asking to purchase from the Village his service revolver. Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to approve the request at the discretion of the Police Chief. Chief White it has been customary in the past after years of service to gift their service revolvers to them. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Kolling reported that the hiring process has begun. Applications have been collected, oral and written testing will begin April 10th.

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 Pennington moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 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 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

Dan Elsasser, Village President