

## Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held May 11, 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 May 11, 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, Pennington and Stauffer. President declared said motion carried.

Attorney Lesage was present. Corey Buck was absent.

**VISITORS:** Dave and Mary Jane Warkins, Dave and Sylvia Saunders, Ed and Brenda Higley, Jeff Bold, Tara Walters, John Finrock, Melissa Nicholson, Chad Stauffer, Jorden Sasscer.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Hopkins Fay and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the April 27, 2021 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 Labash moved and Trustee Fay 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.

**CURRENT BILLS:** Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

All newly elected Trustees and Village President were sworn in at this time by the Village Clerk. New Village President Labash addressed outgoing Village President Elsasser with a plaque along with outgoing Trustee Fay. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to approve the Trustee appointments as presented. Higley over Streets and Melissa Nicholson will be sworn in at the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be appointed to finance. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

### **PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATION:** Village President Labash noted that he would like all Trustees to be more visible at public events and proposed shirts reflecting the Village logo as presented. Business cards will be made for each Trustee they will be at each seat in the Board room and in the Clerk's office. Shirts orders should be in by May 21<sup>st</sup>, place order for size and logo design with the Clerk.

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Higley moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to award the bid for Emily Street Reconstruction to O'Brien civil Works in the amount of \$129,870.56. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee Pennington reported that the emergency generators have been installed out at Boxwood. Chad met with Badger about new meter replacements and handheld.

**FINANCE:** Tara Walters from Blackhawk Hills announced that Mt. Morris would be a recipient of roughly 345,000.00 in CURES/ARPA funding due to COVID-19. Funds need to be used by 2024. A separate line item will be created in the budget for audit and tracking purposes.

**PARK & RECREATION:** Zickhur Park new playground equipment installation is slated for June 19<sup>th</sup>. Need 10-20 volunteers. Contractor will be on site. Rain date June 26<sup>th</sup>. Old equipment has been spoken for by a volunteer who will move it to a family home in the country. Attorney suggests that a release be

implemented by the Village, holding the Village blameless, if anyone should be hurt on the equipment once its left Village park.

**POLICE DEPT:** No Report.

**ORDINANCE:** No Report.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion hire Ryan Hussung at \$11.00 hr. for part-time seasonal help with a maximum number of 20 hrs a week. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye."

**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 Fay seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 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 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

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Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

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Dan Elsasser, Village President