

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held June 8, 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 June 8, 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, Higley, Kolling, Pennington, Nicholson and Stauffer. President declared said motion carried.

Attorney Lesage was present. Corey Buck absent.

VISITORS: Dave Warkins, Dave and Sylvia Saunders, Larry Vickers, Mike Fay, Jeff Bold, Molly Baker, Tiffany West and Chad Stauffer.

MINUTES: Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the May 25, 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 Stauffer moved and Trustee Nicholson 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 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 Larry Vickers approached the Board with questions 1) The phones the police officers carry are they personal or provided by the Village? 2 & 3) Where does the money come from for city streets and county roads? 4) Who determines what roads get fixed and when? 5) Who oversees the gas line being put in out in the county. Village President Labash said that the officers own their own phones, MFT money come from the state for both city and county road repair. The Street dept and Trustee determine which roads need work and when, Road Commission for the township. County would be the one over seeing the gas line. Jeff Bold came before the Board to give the lineup of events this summer for Encore.

ADMINISTRATION: Village President Labash, gave the Board and public an update on the DLR closure. Meetings have been setup to meet with individual school board members, an advisory board has been put in place, petition drive is on going and media blitz to get residents to attend the next school board meeting on June 21. Rob Urish is leading the advisory board.

STREET DEPT: Village President Labash gave a brief demonstration on a website portal where residents can post their concerns/complaints regarding city streets and walks. This will go directly to the Trustee of Streets. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to accept the request from LFR for street closing during the July 4th festival.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the quote for software and meter replacement from Midwest Meter in the amount of \$24,375.00. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

FINANCE: No Report.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins reports that the installation of new playground equipment at Zickhur Park will be June 19th weather permitting, 8:30 start time. Rain date is the following Saturday.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to increase the part-time officer wage from \$16.62 an hr. to \$20.00 an hr. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

ORDINANCE: No Report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Stauffer reported that clean up on the Campus has begun and the bell tower has been power washed. Working on the completion of the Price Fountain.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: Melinda Cox has asked the Board to reconsider the Feral Cat Program that was put in place several years ago. The feral cat problem has resurfaced in some areas and needs to be addressed. Need funding. Trustee Kolling will look into it. Trustee Nicholson presented the petition she devised to for residents to sign in opposition of the DLR closing. It will be at Village Hall and the Sr Center along with residents who will be canvassing the town.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Nicholson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 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 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President