

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held January 11, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on January 11, 2022.

The Village President called the meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll being called, the following answered present: Kolling, Pennington, Higley, Hopkins and Stauffer. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to excuse Trustee Nicholson-Rojas. President declared said motion carried.

Attorney Lesage absent. Corey Buck and the press were present.

**VISITORS:** Dave and Mary Jane Warkins, Sylvia and Gary Saunders, Denise Cheek, Rob Urish, Ryan Fletcher, Sally Gray and Treasurer Sasscer.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to approve the December 14, 2021 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the December 28, 2021 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Stauffer 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. Treasurer reported that the Appropriation for 2021/22 will need to be amended as there are a couple of departments that have gone over budget on line items. Chemicals in the sewer department and the Police Commission. The Clerk and Treasurer will speak with the Attorney on drawing up the amendment.

**CURRENT BILLS:** Trustee Stauffer 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:** Rob Urish of the Mt. Morris Advisory Committee for the non-closure of David L Rahn Jr High School came before the Board to give an update on where the Committee is presently. Urish cited the recent "School District 220 Report Card" and where Oregon presently stands in comparison to other surrounding schools of their size for the Elementary, Jr High and High Schools. He also made note that the Advisory Committee has a website, and new yard signs have been printed, and they will have door hangers going out soon.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Village President Labash came before the Board with an update on the Downtown Streetscape Project that he and Engineer Buck are currently working on for submission to the State. Presently it is a 1.9 million dollar project. If the grant application is accepted and approved the Village's contribution to the project would be \$100,000.00

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Higley reported that he has been in touch with Emily Lauderdale from Blackhawk Hills that there may be some grants coming up relating to the walkability study. Superintendent Fletcher reported that he has purchased a new cutting edge blade for one of the plows, which should do a better job of cleaning the streets. It should help reduce salt applications and passes through the streets.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee Pennington reported that the water tower is up and running and that there was a water main leak on N McKendrie Avenue.

**FINANCE:** No Report.

**PARK & RECREATION:** No Report.

**POLICE DEPT:** Trustee Kolling reported that there are three candidates that will be going through the interview process. Police Commission will make recommendation soon.

**ORDINANCE:** No Report.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Stauffer reported that an air quality assessment will be conducted at Village Hall. By Blackhawk Hills at not expense to the Village.

**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 Hopkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 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 January 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

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Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

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Phil Labash, Village President