

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held April 26, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on April 26, 2022.

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

Attorney Lesage was absent. Press absent. Treasurer Jorden Sasscer absent. Village Engineer Corey Buck present.

VISITORS: Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Denise Cheek, Matt Duffy, Warren Stultz, Jeff Bold, Rob Urish, Chad Stauffer.

MINUTES: Trustee Stauffer moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the April 12, 2022, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Rojas read the treasures report on behalf of Treasurer Jorden Sasscer. Trustee Stauffer moved, and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to approve the Treasurers report as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented with the addition of \$89.90 to Carter Fruin for reimbursement for uniforms. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION:

ADMINISTRATION: No Report

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to accept Resolution 04-02-222 for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code Sunset Lane from Wesley to Seminary Avenue in the amount of \$170,000.00. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the Engineering Service Agreement for the Sunset Lane Wesley to Seminary Avenue Project in the amount of \$30,700.00. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Pennington moved, and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to hire Mike Fay for seasonal help at a rate of \$12.00 per hour with roughly 20 hours per week to start as soon as Mike is available. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Pennington discussed the recommendations from the EPA to have lead service lines replaced in all the homes within the Village. President Labash confirmed there is no commitment presently on which entity is responsible for cost. Trustee Pennington moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded to approve the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Chad Stauffer will work with the Clerk's office and on getting communications out to the residents.

FINANCE: Trustee Rojas presented the FY 2023 budget final draft for discussion/approval. Trustee Higley amended line 01-02-1575 Street Projects reflect additional \$7,00.00 to be taken from line 01-02-1501 Repairs.

Trustee Pennington asked about the increase in line 40-01-1501 Repairs. President Labash clarified that since there would not be the purchase of a new excavator, the money was allocated to the Repairs line item for the purpose of replacing the lining under Sunset if needed.

Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Pennington seconded to approve the FY 2023 budget as amended. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins reported that Parks is looking to purchase a new mower. Ryan and Jeff from the Street department has started mowing and the search for a second part time employee is still in progress.

POLICE DEPT: No Report.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Stauffer moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded to approve the Ordinance Authorizing a Variance Pursuant to The Petition of Warren and Beverly Stultz at 501 E. Hitt Street. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: No Report.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: Village President Labash presented the idea to create a full time Public Works labor position to help assist in the departments throughout the Village with the hourly wage to be divided between the departments. The candidate for the job should possess a CDL license to as to help the Street Department with snow removal in the winter.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 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 10, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Knight, Deputy Village Clerk

Phil Lash Village President