

## Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held May 24, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on May 24, 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 present. Village Engineer Corey Buck present.

**VISITORS:** Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Jeff & April Bold, Sylvia Saunders, Ken & Joyce Duncan, Chris Corcoran, Denise Cheek, Tom Mahoney, Gary DeSmedt, Brion Brooks, Sally Gray, Bill Nicholson, Mike Cicchetti, Paula Diehl, Chad Stauffer.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to approve the May 10, 2022, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE MINUTES:**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**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:** Village President Labash opened the meeting with a moment of silence for those involved in the school shooting in TX. Dr. Mahoney Superintendent OCUSD School District came before the board to present the option of transferring the DLR Junior High building back to the Village. Currently the OCUSD School Board is considering other options for the building as well. Communication was opened to the Board members for questions, Trustee Stauffer asked questions regarding the integrity of the building, including age, asbestos, lead paint, new equipment, and how long the school board would expect the building to sit vacant. Dr. Mahoney addressed the questions to the best of his ability and would provide written answers later.

Trustee Rojas asked Dr. Mahoney if the school would consider paying the Village to take the building back. Dr. Mahoney answered that was an option to consider.

Sally Gray came before the board to invite the public to the Memorial Day Service at the Memorial Fountain on Monday, May 30, 2022, at 10:30 am.

**ADMINISTRATION:** President Labash read the letter Sally Gray provided to the Board Members and encouraged the community and Board members to attend the Memorial Day Service, as this will be the final time the reading of every name of all deceased Mt. Morris veterans from WWII to the present.

**STREET DEPT:** Village Engineer Corey Buck came before the board to update on the Sunset Street project. Design of the proposed work should be done in one to two weeks and hope to have bids by the second Board Meeting in July, with hopes to begin the project in August or September.

Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to hire a full-time public works employee Gatlin Good at a rate of \$16.00 per hour to start Tuesday 5/31/22. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee Pennington moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to renew with the Nicor locking in at a rate of .599 per thermal unit for 44 months. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Pennington moved, and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to adjourn to Executive Session at the end of Regular session for the discussion of probable or imminent litigation. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the Peppermill and Eclips TIF Redevelopment Agreement. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Rojas moved and, Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the offer and keep the Villages one-million-dollar CD at Harvard State bank at an interest rate of 1.2% Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**PARK & RECREATION:** No Report.

**POLICE DEPT:** Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to hire Gerald Bennet for the position of Part-Time police officer at a rate of \$20.00 per hour. Chief of Police Mike Cicchetti addressed the Board with the need for additional part time officers to cover unexpected time off for full time staff. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**ORDINANCE:** Trustee Stauffer reported that the police department is doing a great job on ordinance enforcement. Nuisance property is being cleaned up.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Stauffer reminded the Board Members and public that this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday for the Bandshell. There will be a celebration and presentation on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> during the Friday Night Concert event. All are encouraged to attend. June 10<sup>th</sup> starts the Friday Night Concert schedule and June 15<sup>th</sup> is the start of the Kable Band Concerts. Trustee Stauffer reported that all flag holders have been located on the grounds, and all the flags will be placed for the Memorial Day Service on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Pennington moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to end regular session at 7:38 PM to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Stauffer moved, and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to reconvene REGULAR SESSION at 8:00 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No Report.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Rojas moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 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 14, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

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Brooke Knight, Deputy Village Clerk

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Phil Labash Village President