

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held August 25, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on August 25, 2020.

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, Stauffer, Kolling, Pennington and Labash. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to excuse Trustee Fay. Press was not present.

Attorney Lesage was present. Corey Buck absent.

**VISITORS:** Clark Faris, Chris Corcoran, Dave & Sylvia Saunders, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, and Andy Eckhardt.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the August 11, 2020 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:** No Report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No Report.

**CURRENT BILLS:** Trustee Labash 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:** Andy Eckhardt director of the Kable Band came before the Board to ask for their approval to conduct one band concert this season on September 9, 2020. Next year is the 126<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kable Band performing and it was decided by the band that they did not want the record to reflect a year without. The band will consist of just a few players, distanced apart. No students will perform. Social distancing will be addressed. He also asked that the members who perform receive a salary. Board was in full agreement. Clark Faris again came before the Board to discuss the issue of loose gravel from the chip and tarring and when was the contractor going to return to remove it?? Who suggested with so many people playing pickleball at Mounder Park should the Board not consider lowering the speed limit on Wesley and Lincoln? Concerned not only for adults but now with children back in school? He noted that on Monday and Wednesday there are a lot of people playing. Trustee Hopkins made note that nets and striping were going to be done for a third court. Chris Corcoran says the traffic going past his house is fast and should be monitored.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Village President made note of the info in the Board packets regarding FOIA of Village Trustee and employee emails pertaining to Village business, personal or otherwise. Also discussed the use of iPads for Village meetings. Materials could be scanned and emailed to Trustees vs paper. Village Attorney suggested someone speak with Dixon's City Manager. They have been using them for quite some time.

**STREET DEPT:** No Report.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee Pennington reports of a water main break at the corner of Fletcher and Sunset.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Labash asked that the University Book Source TIF agreement drafted by the Attorney be on the agenda for approval at the next Village Board meeting.

**PARK & RECREATION:** No Report.

**POLICE DEPT:** Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 08-01-17 authorizing the sale of certain personal property owned by the Village of Mt. Morris, said

property being the 2013 squad car with a starting bid of \$1500.00. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Resident at 301 W Center asked permission to close the street from Center to Lincoln on Saturday August 29, 2020 from 2-5 PM for a birthday party. Board gave nod of approval. Officer Wigtion will be on medical leave until September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ORDINANCE:** Trustee Stauffer reports that he spoke with Chief White concerning several houses in town with weeds surrounding the homes that "appear to be out of control." Chief White will address. Plan Commission Reorganization Amendment: Trustee Stauffer reports that he would like the opportunity to sit down with Chairman Saunders and discuss his recommendations. Saunders said that committee gave its rebuttal at the last Board meeting. Stauffer said he should have spoken to Saunders prior to having the draft of the amended ordinance drawn up. Saunders rebutted with the statement "don't know that there is much more to be said" Village President recommended that they meet, left it up to them to discuss. Nothing was confirmed by either Stauffer or Saunders during the meeting. Trustee Stauffer came before the Board to discuss the waiver request by Phoenix, owners of the Quad building to not remove the concrete foundation/floors upon demolition of the east side of the building. Stauffer said he had been working with them on the permitting process. He sited that the building could be added on to and the floors would be in position. Concerns were raised as to the up keep, being weeds growing up through the cracks etc., water run off into the sewer system. These issues Stauffer said would be addressed. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to allow the waiver. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Nay." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Stauffer will work Phoenix on drawing up a maintenance plan.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** No Report.

**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 Pennington seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 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 September 8, 2020 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