

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held September 8, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on September 8, 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, Fay and Labash. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Press was not present.

Attorney Lesage was present. Corey Buck absent.

VISITORS: Clark Faris, Chris Corcoran, Dave & Sylvia Saunders, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Steve & Cindy Mongan, Kelly Bull, Annie Ludwig, Patty Higgins, Deb Diehl, Diane Palmer, Carolyn Hackbarth, Jason White and Chad Stauffer.

MINUTES: Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to accept the August 25, 2020 minutes as presented. Trustee Fay abstained. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: No Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Labash 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.

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented, with the addition of \$136.74 to JoLynn Ward for the Rahn Memorial bench plaque. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION: Steve Mongan came before the Board to express concerns regarding a resident/residence located at 401 S McKendrie Avenue. Neighbors are concerned about the condition of the property, ordinance violations. Several of the neighbors in attendance also expressed their concerns and asked what is being done by law enforcement. Chief White was in attendance and explained that he has spoken with the landlord about the condition of the property and his tenant. White also said he has responded to resident calls complaining about the tenant and has spoken with the tenant on many occasions. He also explained the procedures and steps that have to take place regarding eviction of the tenant. The property owner/landlord has been cooperative Chief White stated.

ADMINISTRATION: Village President Elsasser made note that there would be a mobile Covid testing unit located at 2 W Main St, on September 21st from 2-4 PM.

STREET DEPT: No Report.

WATER/SEWER: No Report.

FINANCE: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to go into Executive Session at the end of Regular Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Salaries Pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to approve the Redevelopment Agreement between the Village of Mt. Morris and University Book Source, Ltd., for the use of TIF funds as allowed und 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 of the State of Illinois TIF Act in the amount of \$6708.00 for the repair of the elevator, which meets all of the requirements under the Act. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PARK & RECREATION: No Report.

POLICE DEPT: No Report.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to allow for a waiver in the requirements in the application for demolition provided by Phoenix Investors. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. The waiver request by Phoenix was to leave the concrete floors in place. One of the concerns was weed control. Trustee Stauffer was to meet with the demolition people from Phoenix to discuss also the need for a buffer in the form of fencing along Sunset and part of Wesley Avenue and would have something for the next Board meeting for approval. The Board also said they would also like to know what form of fire protection Phoenix intends since its been noted that there is currently no active sprinkler system in place. The Board unanimously said that some fire suppression study needs to be done.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Band shell signs are back up. He also reminded everyone of the concert to be held on Wednesday night at 7:30 PM.

END REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to end Regular Session at 8:31 PM to go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Salaries Pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to Reconvene Regular Session at 8:46 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

FINANCE: Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to grant a base pay increase of \$16.60 to \$18.60 per hour to employee Chad Stauffer and a certification pay increase from a Class 3 to a Class 2 sewer with the stipulation that Stauffer will finish and pass the state test by May 1, 2021 beginning with the pay period September 28, 2020. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Labash also suggested that the Board needs to consider the base pay rate for a new hire since they will be looking at starting the interview process for the sewer dept. He suggested that possibly a base rate of \$17.25 an hour with zero experience.

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 Kolling seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 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 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

Dan Elsasser, Village President