

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held October 13, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on October 13, 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 Fay. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to excuse Trustee Labash. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Press was not present.

Attorney Lesage was absent. Corey Buck was present.

**VISITORS:** Clark Faris, Chris Corcoran, Dave & Sylvia Saunders, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Diane Palmer, Carolyn Hackbarth, Mary Cheatwood, Steve Aker, Rich Toms, Sterling Taylor, Jason White and Chad Stauffer.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the September 22, 2020 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:**

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

**CURRENT BILLS:** Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented, with the addition of \$930.00 to Jorden Sasscer for audit work, \$90.00 to Dawn Stevens for mowing, \$2018.00 to Randy Koch for cement work and \$500.00 to Lena Winslow School District for field lights. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**PETITION & COMMUNICATION:** Resident Richard Toms came before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding a dog in his neighborhood. He explained the circumstance leading up to his request that the Board consider a dangerous dog ordinance. Chief White said he will contact animal control but there are procedures and steps that need to happen before a dog can be removed from its owners. Dave Warkins came before the Board to inquire on the progress of trailers parking in the street. Chief White has asked Trustee Stauffer to look into having an ordinance brought before the Board. Diane Palmer came before the Board and asked if the resident at 410 S McKendrie given any kind of notice to vacate the property. Chief White responded and said steps by the homeowner's attorney have been taken and explained the process, and that they were building a case to evict. White spoke with Trustee Stauffer about an ordinance banning vehicles being parked in yards. Chris Corcoran asked the Board about the remaining wall of the Penner building and fencing. He also asked the Board about all the vehicles parked at the old Kable News building north of town needs to be addressed. Does the property owner have a junk yard license and do we need to put one in place? Steve Aker came before the Board to inquire about the dead tree in his terrace, sating that it was marked several years ago to come down and still hasn't come down. Clark Faris came before the Board to inquire about lowering the speed limit around Mounder Park area. A lot of small children in the area concerned for their safety. Update on UTV's within Village, should there be an ordinance? Mary Jane Warkins stated that the Ordinance Amending the Plan Commission reorganization and meeting rules has been on the agenda three times and each time tabled? Felt it was disrespectful to the people who serve on the Commission.

**ADMINISTRATION:** President Elsasser read a letter from the Plan Commission with recommendations the Commission would like the Board to consider. Solar panels on residential and commercial buildings, consider a solar ordinance, address nos. on residences and businesses, would like to see ordinance violations published. An amendment to Village Code 10-3-1 Zoning regulating the size of buildings being on city lots.

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Kolling to allow the street closure request submitted by Trustee Stauffer for his annual Christmas Light Show on Friday November 27, 2020 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, the intersection of First and Fletcher North to end of property. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Stauffer said that all donations will go to the local food pantry and challenged each Board member to a \$32.00 donation.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to hire Carter Fruin at \$17.25 an hour to work in the sewer department. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Hopkins "Nay." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Pennington informed the Board that resident Sterling Taylor sewer line appears to have not been reconnected at the time of the Emily Street Project. O'Brien Contractors who did the Emily Street Project said that it would cost around \$4000.00 to dig and reconnect. Taylor is weighing his options as to whether he wants to run new sewer line to Emily Street or out to Seminary.

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**FINANCE:** No Report.

**PARK & RECREATION:** No Report.

**POLICE DEPT:** Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the second highest sealed bid for the 2013 squad car in the amount of \$2505.00 from Amy Sikyta. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**ORDINANCE:** Trustee Stauffer tabled the ordinances on the agenda and asked that they put on the next meeting agenda.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Stauffer reported that the demolition permit has been issued to Phoenix for the demolition of 235,000 sq ft.

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No Report.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 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 October 27, 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