

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held November 23, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on November 23, 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, Labash and Fay. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**This is a recorded meeting. The Village President and Trustees all participated electronically as allowed per Governor Pritzker's COVID-19 Executive Orders. All other participants in attendance participated electronically.**

Attorney Lesage was not present for this meeting. Corey Buck and the press were present.

**VISITORS:** Dave Warkins, Dave & Sylvia Saunders, Jorden Sasscer and Rob Urish.

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

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:** Trustee Labash moved and Chris Kolling seconded the motion to accept the Executive Minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**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 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:** No Report.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Village President Elsasser at this time appointed the members and officers for the Planning Commission. Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the appointments of the Planning Commission as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Fay informed the Board that leaf pickup is done for the year. Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to approve resolution 11-01-20 for improvement under Illinois Highway Code for street reconstruction on Emily from Fletcher to Mulberry. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Fay reported that Rebuild Illinois and MFT funds would be used for the project.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee Pennington reported that a couple of the pumps at the WWTP are starting to go bad and Chad Stauffer has contacted Electric Pump about repairs.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion go into Executive Session at the end of Regular Session for the purpose discussing employee health insurance pursuant to section 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to accept the Tax Levy pursuant to 75 ILCS 5/3-4 for the fiscal year 2020/21 as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Labash moved and Trustee

Kolling seconded the motion to accept the Mt. Morris Public Library Maintenance Tax Levy of .02% pursuant to 75 ILCS 5/3-4 for the fiscal year 2020/21. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. At this time the Clerk was asked to speak about the Phoenix, LLC tax appeal. No decisions were made at this time, the Board is waiting to hear from the school district whether they will act as an intervener on the appeal.

**PARK & RECREATION:** No Report.

**POLICE DEPT:** Trustee Kolling reports that all is quiet. The pending court case schedule for Wednesday has been postponed until December 7, 2020.

**ORDINANCE:** No Report.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Stauffer reported to the Board that the Economic Development Group has been discussing and working towards acquiring an electronic sign board for public announcements. An agreement has been reached with Sterling Federal Bank and have agreed to allow the Village to put a sign just below their sign. Sterling Federal has agreed to cover the cost of electricity and no yearly fee. Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Signs & Flags in the amount of \$25,000.00. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion for the purchase of an electronic LED sign board from Turnroth Company not to exceed \$23,000.00. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**END REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to end Regular Session at 7:40 PM to go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Employee Health Insurance Pursuant to Section 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to Reconvene Regular Session at 7:51 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE:** Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to go with Option 2 of the Employee Health benefit package as presented with the Village absorbing the 5.5 % increase and not changing the employee rate. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Labash at this time informed the Board that he was looking into software and hardware upgrades using CURES fund monies. More details at a later date.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 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 November 24, 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