

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held January 26, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session in the Board Room, in Village Hall in said Village at 7:00 PM on January 26, 2021.

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, Labash, Fay, Pennington, Stauffer and Kolling. 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. The press also participated.

Attorney Lesage attended the meeting at 7:10. Corey Buck was present.

VISITORS: Dave and Sylvia Saunders, Dave Warkins, Gary Desmedt, Deb Wigtion, Andy Shaw and Chad Stauffer.

MINUTES: Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the January 12, 2021 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 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: No Report.

STREET DEPT: No Report.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Pennington reported that the pressure tank at the WWTP in need of replacement or repair, after speaking with Metropolitan can be replaced with a smaller size tank. The cost would be approximately \$7000.00 vs \$11,000.00.

FINANCE: Trustee Labash reported that the -pads, pens, and covers and Microsoft 365 for the Board members have been ordered and should be arriving soon. He along with Ed Handschuh will set up a time to begin the training process. Has gotten together with the Treasurer to start the budget process.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins reported that he has two new members for the Park & Rec Board and he is looking for two more. They will have their first meeting on February 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling Moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to appoint Tim Harvey to the Police Commission Board under section 2-7-1 of the Village Code, replacing Paul Anderson. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to Amending Ordinance 01-02-18 and the Lee/Ogle Enterprise Zone Incentives as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Andy Shaw of Blackhawk Hills was present

to explain the incentives and abatement requests. The new business will be going in to the Nippon Shiro facility in Rochelle.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Stauffer reported that the new digital message board will be going up on Wednesday. Trustee Stauffer moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village and Phoenix, LLC. Motion died for a lack of a second. Discussion surrounded the matter of a 4” waterline on Phoenix property. Attorney Lesage weighed in on the discussion. Trustee Pennington said he will speak with Phoenix tomorrow to discuss their options.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Fay asked the Board about its future plans on whether the Board would be hiring a Public Works Director upon Superintendent Davis’s retirement sometime in July or August.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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 February 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

Dan Elsasser, Village President