

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held March 9, 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 March 9, 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, Pennington, Stauffer, Fay and Kolling. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Attorney Lesage was not present. Corey Buck was present.

**VISITORS:** Dave Saunders, Gary Desmedt, Ed Higley and Chris Corcoran, Rich Toms, Scott Sullivan, Rob Urish, Clark Faris and Ryan Fletcher.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the February 23, 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:** Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Pennington 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 Labash seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented with the addition of \$632.82 to Michael Todd for barricades and Ed Handschuh for a router. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**PETITION & COMMUNICATION:** Scott Sullivan came before the Board asking if they would consider allowing him to put video gaming in his grocery store. He stated that it had been over 5 years since he first asked the Board for consideration. He stated that when the store was originally built a room had been built for gaming machines. He also stated that no hard alcohol would be served and that in some of his other stores it's been successful with little or no alcohol served. A class A license must be acquired in order to have the machines per the State. Board will take it under advisement and consider adding an additional license. Rob Urish asked if someone could contact some of Sullivan's current stores to see how it has worked.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Village President Elsasser asked for a motion to amend the ordinance before the Board regarding the Lee/Ogle Enterprise Zone. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Labash seconded the motion to approve the amendment of Ordinance 0-02-18 Amending the Lee/Ogle Enterprise Zone Boundary. Upon roll being called all Trustees presented voted "Aye."

**STREET DEPT:** No Report.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee Pennington reported that the pressure tank at the WWTP has been replaced. He noted that the W/S dept would be doing some camera work on Emily street from Reynolds to Mulberry.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Labash reported that he will have the first draft of the budget to present at the next Board Meeting. Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Kolling 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.

**PARK & RECREATION:** No Report.

**POLICE DEPT:** Trustee Kolling reports that the Police Commission has started the hiring process for the replacement of an officer.

**ORDINANCE:** Trustee Stauffer asked that the ordinance on vehicles, trailers, etc., parked on personal property be postponed for further review.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the request by the Mt. Morris Senior Center to conduct and Adult Egg Hunt on the Campus on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**END REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to end Regular Session at 7:24 PM and 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 Kolling seconded the motion to reconvene Regular Session at 7:45 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Labash moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the cost of living increase for all full-time non-union employees of .60 hr. beginning May 1, 2021. Police officers are under union contract. Part-time employees wages increase to \$11.00 hr., Jeff Cox will increase to \$13.00. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Price Fountain—Trustee Stauffer is working on final figures for completion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 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 March 23, 2021 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