

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held May 11, 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 Tuesday May 25, 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, Higley, Kolling, Pennington and Stauffer. President declared said motion carried.

Attorney Lesage was not present. Corey Buck present.

VISITORS: Tom Mahoney, Mike Ward, Dave and Mary Jane Warkins, Dave and Sylvia Saunders, Eric Rojas, Melissa Nicholson, Jeff Bold, Molly Baker, John Finrock and Erlene Hinton.

MINUTES: Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the May 11, 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.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Superintendent Tom Mahoney came before the Board to announce his recommendation to the school Board to close David L Rahn Middle School at the end of the 2022 school year. A town hall meeting will be held on Thursday May 27, 2021 so that the public may attend. Mahoney sites several of the financial issues facing the school district and bringing the building up to the Life and Safety Codes of the State. The School Board will vote at their next meeting in June. Residents and Board members, asked questions about the future of the building if it closes? Is there a plan B should the School Board vote no to closure.

ADMINISTRATION: Village President Labash, asked the Board to appoint Melissa Nicholson as Trustee to fill his remaining term as Trustee/Finance chair. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to appoint Melissa Nicholson as Trustee. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Nicholson was sworn in by Clerk Diehl.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the request by the Brethren Church to close Church Street on the south and west sides on Saturday September 11, 2021 from 9 am to 2 pm. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

WATER/SEWER: No Report.

FINANCE: No Report.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins reports that the installation of new playground equipment at Zickhur Park will be June 19th weather permitting. Rain date is the following Saturday.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling reports that the interview process has begun as well as background checks for the five potential candidates.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Stauffer presented a proposal to hire Casper Mannheim as a local code inspector for the Village. No decision was made at this time. Village Attorney Lesage is reviewing the contract.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to approve the Let Freedom Ring Raffle request and to waive the fee. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted “Aye.”

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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 June 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

Dan Elsasser, Village President