

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held July 13, 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 July 13, 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, Nicholson and Stauffer. President declared said motion carried.

Attorney Lesage, Intern Maverick Good and Corey Buck were present.

**VISITORS:** Monica and Joe Miller, Dave and Sylvia Saunders, Chad Stauffer, Ryan Fletcher and John Finrock.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the June 22, 2021 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:** Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to accept the June 22, 2021 Executive minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Pennington 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 Nicholson moved and Trustee Kolling 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:** Resident Dave Saunders extended his thanks to Trustee Stauffer and Ryan Hussung for the work they had done during the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Monica and Joe Miller came before the Board to request that the street in front of Idle Hour on Wesley be closed for a short from 9:00 am to 11:30. To begin the motorcycle rally benefit for Emmalyn Freese on Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>. Board consensus to approve.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to go into Executive Session at the end of Regular Session for the Purpose of Considering the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of a Specific Employee Pursuant under 5ILCS 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Higley reports that the Emily Street Project is moving along. Trustee Higley moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the Wesley street closure from Main to Center along and from Wesley down Front St to McKendrie. on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**CLOSE REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Nicholson moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to close Regular Session at 7:15 and open the Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the proposed Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year 2021/22. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Nicholson moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 and reconvene Regular Session. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Nicholson moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to reconvene at 7:21. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to go into Executive Session at the end of Regular Session for the Purpose of Discussing Probable and Imminent Litigation Involving the Village Pursuant to Sec 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Nicholson moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to adopt the Appropriation Ordinance as presented in the amount of \$10,224,501. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**PARK & RECREATION:** No Report.

**POLICE DEPT:** No Report.

**ORDINANCE:** Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Nicholson seconded the motion to Mullarkey’s to conduct a raffle on Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> for the Emmalyn Freese Benefit and to waive the fee. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Stauffer discussed the proposed sale or transfer of ownership of the fire pump located on the Phoenix property which is owned by the Village. Village attorney was advised to draw up paper work to turn over ownership for the next meeting

**END REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to end Regular Session at 7:55 PM and go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Considering the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of a Specific Employee Pursuant under 5ILCS 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and for the Purpose of Discussing Probable or Imminent Litigation Involving the Village. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to Reconvene Regular Session at 8:31 PM.

**WATER & SEWER:** Attorney Lesage was instructed to draw up a claim release regarding the Blackburn claim for the next Board meeting.

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Nicholson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 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 July 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

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Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

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Phil Labash, Village President