

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held July 27, 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 27, 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: Higley, Kolling, Pennington, Nicholson and Stauffer. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to excuse Trustee Hopkins. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Intern Maverick Good and Corey Buck were present.

**VISITORS:** Shane Pope, Bob Coddington, Dave and Sylvia Saunders, Dave and Mary Jane Warkins, Jeff Bold, Larry Ubben, Chad Stauffer and Jordan Sasscer.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Nicholson seconded the motion to accept the July 13, 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 Pennington seconded the motion to accept the July 13, 2021 Executive minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No Report.

**CURRENT BILLS:** Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented with addition of \$9,480.00 for various streets, street garage, sewer plant resurfacing as presented. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:** Resident Mary Jane Warkins came before the Board to express her concerns about dogs in attendance at the Wednesday and Friday Night concerts. Larry Ubbens addresses the Board regarding where food truck vendors should park. Could we barricade the area in front of the flagpole for vendors? Suggested that vendors could possibly park closer to Memorial Fountain. Eventually once Wesley 1895 opens people will no longer be allowed to park in front of the storefront to allow for patron usage.

**ADMINISTRATION:** No Report.

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Higley and Village President Labash gave an updated demonstration on the new street portal for the website which will allow Village residents to address their complaints, concerns regarding streets, trees and sidewalks directly to the Village Trustee. Future hire for the street department—Denny Davis will retire at the end of August. It was suggested that two hires at 40 hrs per week could be in the summer months and could cross work in other departments ie., w/s, parks as needed. Trustees appointed to work on the ad for hire will present at next board meeting.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion pay the Blackburn claim in the amount of \$1973.56 due to infrastructure failure causing a sewer backup in their home. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. EPA testing: Trustee Pennington explained that residents will be receiving a PFSA newsletter mandated by the EPA explaining what PFSA testing is and being performed. Currently Water Superintendent and Pennington have chosen to take Well #2 out of service temporarily due to the testing. More updates to follow in future meetings.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Nicholson moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to adopt the Annual Treasurers report as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried. Trustee Nicholson moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to approve in a one-time grant not to exceed \$10,000.00 to Gilmour Ins. And a one-time grant of \$35,500.00 and a five year loan of \$35,500.00 at 4% interest. The attorney was instructed to draw up the TIF agreements.

**PARK & RECREATION:** No Report.

**POLICE DEPT:** Trustee Stauffer asked Trustee Kolling for an update on trailer parking in the streets. Trustee Kolling reported that Chief White was following up with enforcement and speaking to offenders. Stauffer also asked about the property located on Main and Fletcher regarding parking and other ordinance violations. Kolling responded that legal action has been started.

**ORDINANCE:** Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 07-01-21 Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property Owned by the Village of Mt. Morris. Said amount was for \$0.00 gifting the fire pump located on the Phoenix property. Trustee Pennington explained that Phoenix spent several hundreds of dollars to bring the pump into working order and felt it only fair that the pump be turned over to them and hoped that this would help in their endeavors to bring a new business into the facility. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Stauffer updated the Board on the Price Fountain Project. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to proceed with the boring for the plumbing and hookup not to exceed \$4,000.00, electrical not to exceed \$3500.00. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Nicholson seconded the motion to proceed with Nature Water Gardens on the project not to exceed \$3,500.00. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Village President Labash introduced Alex Zoller as the new reporter for the Mt. Morris Times who was in attendance and will be covering Village news.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Nicholson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 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 August 10, 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