

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held September 14, 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 September 14, 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: Pennington, Hopkins, Higley, Kolling, Nicholson and Stauffer. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Attorney LeSage was present. Corey Buck absent.

**VISITORS:** Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Dave & Sylvia Saunders, Rob Urish, Jeff Bold and Mary Cheatwood. The Press, Jason White, Ryan Fletcher and the Treasurer were also present.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the August 24, 2021 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustees Pennington and Hopkins abstained. President declared said motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:** No Report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Hopkins 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 Nicholson 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 Warkins came before the Board to request that no dogs be allowed on the Campus as it is in the parks, would like to see it added to the ordinance. Jeff Bold of Encore came before the Board to thank everyone who helped with Strawfest. Mary Jane Warkins made note that the shelter and Palmer Park was in need of some attention.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Village President Labash reported that the interview process has begun for the deputy clerk position.

**STREET DEPT:** Mary Cheatwood head librarian at the Library came before the Board requesting that the library parking lot be taken over by the Village. Has spoken with Trustee Higley stating that the parking lot maintenance should become the Villages responsibility since Village trucks and equipment are the primary users of the lot. And during events has become a public parking lot. Attorney will draw up an intergovernmental agreement. Trustee Higley stated that applications are coming in for the street department position. Will begin interview process.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to waive the hookup fees in the amount of \$1950.00 for water and sewer for Town and Country Lanes. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Nicholson moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to adopt the Library Tax Levy of .02% Pursuant to 75 ILCS5/3-4 for the Fiscal year 2021/22 as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Nicholson moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to adopt the Village of Mt. Morris Tax Levy Pursuant to 75 ILCS5/3-4 for the Fiscal year 2021/22 as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. TIF Request: Rob Urish of Economic Development came before the Board with a recommendation for Paul Holden new owner of 117 S Wesley Avenue for the new Mt. Morris pharmacy in the amount of \$50,000 grant and \$50,000 loan at 4% interest over 5 years. Trustee

Nicholson moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the recommendation as presented. 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 reported that he attended the Plan Commission meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> regarding solar panels within the Village. They will be making a recommendation to the Village Board. Stauffer will be asking the Board to revisit parking of boats, trailers, vehicles in front yards. Also to discuss dogs on Campus, making the change to the ordinance.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Stauffer reported that water and electricity for the Price Fountain is completed. Summer help this year for the first time for Campus upkeep was a success, Stauffer reposted that a lot had been accomplished. Planter under the message sign board is complete and filled, ready to be planted.

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No Report.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Nicholson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 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 September 21, 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