

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held November 9, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on November 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, Stauffer, Higley, Kolling, Pennington, and Nicholson. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Press was not present.

Corey Buck was present.

VISITORS: Dave Saunders, Terry Stevens, Jeff Bold, Ryan Fletcher, Jordan Sasscer and Chad Stauffer.

MINUTES: Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to accept the October 26, 2021 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Pennington abstained. President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Nicholson 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 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.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION: Resident Terry Stevens came before the Board to ask if there was or could be an ordinance regarding cats. He felt that cats shouldn't be treated any differently than dogs. Attorney Lesage explained that there is a state law that prohibits non-home rule municipalities from licensing, impounding cats as dogs are. President Labash discussed the feral cat program in place and suggested Stevens align himself with Melinda Cox who is heading up the project.

ADMINISTRATION: President Labash reminds Board members to watch their budgets. We are half way through the fiscal year.

STREET DEPT: No Report.

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 or Imminent Litigation Involving the Village Pursuant to Sec 2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Pennington reported that the inside of the water tower has been sandblasted and the interior is being painted, should be complete in a couple of weeks.

FINANCE: Trustee Nicholson moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to go into Executive Session at the end of Regular Session for the Purpose of Discussing Employee Health Insurance Pursuant to Sec 65ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PARK & RECREATION: No Report.

POLICE DEPT: Truck or Treat Event was successful. Halloween was quiet.

ORDINANCE: No Report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Stauffer reported that decorating on the Campus for the Holidays has is coming along.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to end Regular Session at 7:25 PM and go into Executive Session. Upon roll being called all Trustees presented voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to Reconvene Regular Session at 7:51 PM. Trustee Nicholson moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to accept the Health Insurance Renewal at presented, at a cost of \$7019.45 per month. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." The total increase per month from last year was \$316.79. The Board chose to absorb the additional expense this year and not pass it on to the employees.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Nicholson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 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 November 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President