

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held November 23, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on November 23, 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: Nicholson, Kolling, Pennington, Higley. Absent: Hopkins, Stauffer. President called for a motion to excuse Hopkins and Stauffer. Trustee Pennington moved Trustee Kolling seconded. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Press was present.

Corey Buck was present.

Attorney not present.

**VISITORS:** Dave Saunders, Sylvia Saunders, Gary Saunders, Dave Warkins, Mary Jane Warkins, Ryan Fletcher, Mike Mudge – Rock River Energy

**MINUTES:** Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Nicholson seconded the motion to accept the November 9, 2021 minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:** Trustee Nicholson moved, and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to accept the November 9, 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 Kolling moved, and Trustee Pennington 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:** Mike Mudge from Rock River Energy presented information regarding Street Lighting/Pumping Station Contract renewal. Mudge recommended renewing contract for Pumping station with Constellation Energy at rate of .0526 in a 3-year contract. Mudge stated that the budget for water and sewer would need to be increased by \$5,000.00 each. Trustee Pennington moved, Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to lock in at a rate of .0526 for 3 years. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Sylvia Saunders came before the board to recommend the appointment of Salley Wessels to the Planning Commission. Trustee Nicholson moved, Trustee Kolling seconded. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**STREET DEPT:** Ryan Fletcher reported that the street department spent Wednesday and Thursday taking down the remaining Ash Trees on Village property. All the street decorations are up for Christmas.

**WATER/SEWER:** No Report

**FINANCE:** No Report

**PARK & RECREATION:** No Report.

**POLICE DEPT:** Trustee Kolling reported that the cutoff for police officers has expired. Toys for Kids has started taking monetary donations and toys. If anyone has suggestions of kids in need, their names can be submitted to the police department or Village. Village President Labash spoke of the retirement of Chief

White, and he plans to meet the first week in December with the Police Commission to discuss plans to have a new Chief hired by March 1, 2022.

**ORDINANCE:** No Report.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Nicholson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 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 December 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

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Brooke Knight, Deputy Clerk

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Phil Labash, Village President