

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held February 23, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on February 23, 2022.

The Village President called the meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll being called, the following answered present: Rojas, Kolling, Hopkins, Higley. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Hopkins made the motion to excuse Trustee Pennington and Trustee Stauffer, Trustee Kolling seconded the motion President Labash declared said motion carried.

Attorney Lesage absent. Press absent.

VISITORS: Jeff Bold, Rob Urish, Jeremiah Zadnichek, Dave & Mary Warkins, Mike Fay, Sally Gray, Bob Codington.

MINUTES: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the February 8, 2022, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Hopkins moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President Labash declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION: Rob Urish came before the board to update the results of the vote of the Oregon School board, to close DLR Junior High in Mt. Morris.

ADMINISTRATION: President Labash updated the agenda to reflect the appointment of Nicholas Izer will be tabled due to difficulty getting a spot in the academy. There is no guaranteed spot in the academy until the year 2023. The Police Commission will work on other options for training, and revisit later. Ordinance 02-01-22 will be discussed later. Ordinance 02-02-22 will be discussed later when Trustee Stauffer is present.

STREET DEPT: No Report.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Higley moved to enter Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Probable or Imminent Litigation Involving the Village Pursuant to Section 2 (c) (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act – Discussion/Approval, at the end of regular session. Trustee Rojas seconded the motion. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

FINANCE: Trustee Rojas reported that budget meetings will continue into the second week of March. Trustee Rojas moved to enter Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Salaries Pursuant to Section 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) – Discussion/Approval. Trustee Kolling seconded the motion. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins reported that the search for part time help continues as we are approaching the mowing season.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling reported that the 3 candidates for the position of Police Chief will meet in person over the next few days. The candidates will spend an informal day in the village.

ORDINANCE: No Report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: No Report.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to end regular session at 7:13 PM to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Rojas moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to reconvene REGULAR SESSION at 7:38 PM Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

FINANCE: Trustee Roja moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the full time employee wage increase of \$0.69 per hour beginning May 1, 2022/2023 fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Hopkins moved to end regular session and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 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 March 8, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Knight, Village Deputy Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President