

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held March 22, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on March 22, 2022.

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

Attorney Lesage and Corey Buck absent. Press present.

VISITORS: Lori Cortez, Ashley Sorenson, Brittney, Chris Corcoran, Dave & Mary Warkins, Tiffany West, Jennifer Robinson, Ed Baker.

MINUTES: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to approve the March 3, 2022, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President Pro-Tem declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Stauffer moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President Pro-Tem declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION: Lori Cortez with Sauk Valley Community College came before the Board to provide information regarding Sauk's Earned Tuition Program. Students who will graduate in 2026 and thereafter have an opportunity to earn free tuition through SVCC by signing up for the program and completing the required steps.

Ed Baker with the Mt. Morris Senior Center came before the Board to ask the Board if the Village would be willing to assist with funds to purchase an AED device for the Senior Center. The cost of the AED would be roughly \$1800.00 - \$2000.00.

Tiffany West with Let Freedom Ring Committee came before the Board seek permission to use the Campus for the Adult Egg Hunt on April 9, 2022.

ADMINISTRATION: No Report.

STREET DEPT: No Report.

WATER/SEWER: No Report

FINANCE: No Report about Finance. Trustee Rojas spoke briefly about the new Facebook page for the Village.

PARK & RECREATION: No Report

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to enter Executive Session after regular session for the purpose of Considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee pursuant to Section 2 (c)(1). Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President Pro-Tem Hopkins declared said motion carried.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Kolling seconded motion to approve Ordinance 03-01-22 Establishing a 180-Day Moratorium Relating to Development of Solar Energy Systems and Referring to the Village's Plan Commission Consideration and Amendments to the Mt. Morris Zoning Code Relating to Solar Energy Systems. Trustee Stauffer added that this Ordinance would not affect

current roof top Solar Panels. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President Pro-Tem Hopkins declared said motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: No Report.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Stauffer moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to end regular session at 7:22 PM to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President Pro-Tem declared said motion carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to reconvene REGULAR SESSION at 7:47 PM Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President Pro-Tem declared said motion carried.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the appointment of Mike Cicchetti to the position of Chief of Police at a wage of \$34.62 to begin upon completion of his two weeks' notice and to approve the employment contract as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President Pro-Tem declared said motion carried.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Rojas moved to end regular session and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President Pro-Tem declared said motion carried.

The next regular Village Board Meeting will be held on April 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Knight, Village Deputy Clerk

Jim Hopkins, President Pro-Tem